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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Headlines Criticized

A man whose opinion we respect tells us that East Bay Labor Journal makes a mistake in so regularly running an eight-column head on page one. He thinks that a weekly paper with a special appeal to its own group shouldn't try to pump up such a big headline every week.

Since we do respect this man's knowledge of such subjects, we reached out blindly and picked up six issues of East Bay Labor Journal lying at hand, knowing that in that particular pile the issues lay at random.

Then we took careful note of the eight-column headlines appearing in those six issues to see if they now seemed to us pumped-up and artificial, excessive in their emphasis.

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Read These Six!

We here submit the six headlines to the judgment of our readers. See if you think the information or stimulation they supply justifies their appearing in large type across the top of the various issues we're citing:

SAFEWAY CLERKS TO VOTE NOV. 30-DEC. 1—Nov. 24, 1950, issue.

IAM ADDS 20,000 TO THE EAST BAY AFL—Jan. 12, 1951.

ASH URGES: 'GET BUSY ON CIVIL DEFENSE'—Jan. 19.

AFL AUTO SALESMEN WIN $44,000 CASE—Feb. 9.

And in the same issue of Feb. 9 there was a smaller eight-column headline under the larger one just quoted. This second one said: Tell Wage Board Your Raise by Feb. 20!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22!—Feb. 16.

AFL HERE BACKS NATIONAL LABOR STAND—Feb. 21.

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All Seem Important

We don't know what our readers' reaction is to that bunch of top headlines, but to be real honest, our own judgment on reading them over this way is that we've been featuring pretty important stuff in those top lines, and that we're glad we did it.

Certainly it was important that every Safeway clerk be reminded of the date of a crucial election.

The coming back of the International Association of Machinists to the AFL was a big story we didn't want anybody to miss.

The need for getting busy on civil defense was no peanut item, either.

Nor does one of our unions win a $44,000 case every day. Surely, too, is was advisable to emphasize the need for getting reports of anti-wage freeze pacts into the WSB on time.

Then there's the one warning voters that the time for closing the registration books for the Oakland spring election was near at hand.

Finally, the lining up of the local AFL back of the United Labor Policy Committee in its battle with Defense Mobilizer Wilson seems a rather significant event.

Occasionally, we don't deny, our top eight-column headlines are really editorials, in addition to conveying concisely some news. Take this one, for instance, in the Feb. 2 issue:

BARBERS PROTEST SMEARING BY TRIBUNE, WHICH RAISED ITS OWN PRICES FULL 40 PCT.

That's one we enjoyed writing. The barbers certainly didn't feel sad over it. The Knowland Knave, however, was somewhat annoyed. Shortly after the double-header of an editorializing headline came out, he rambled around feebly in a whole column, making dire hints about some anonymous group that had said this and that and the other. But he never named East Bay Labor Journal at all.

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Protest Denied!

Long and the short of it is, we feel rather chipper about our headlines.

And so—protest denied. It is so ordered!

Oakland Teachers Ask for More Pay

The Oakland Teachers Association has offered its full cooperation in studying the problem of helping the teachers of Oakland meet the spiraling cost of living.

In a letter to the Board of Education, the salary committee of the Teachers Association suggested that immediate consideration be given for allocating additional pay for teachers in the coming budget.

The budget for the next school year must be completed by April.

In any event, it is legally impossible for teachers to receive pay increases on their present contracts. However, if salary increases are approved in the budget, teachers could expect a heavier pay envelope at the start of the 1951-52 school year next fall.

Special Notice

Automotive Machinists 1546!

There is an immediate need for blood donations for one of our members.

Volunteers will please contact the office of the union.

J. E. CLARK,
Financial Secretary.

WSB Member Kerr Faces Labor Here

It was seemingly a rather tense moment for Dr. Clark Kerr when he faced a large group of union people in the Labor Temple auditorium Wednesday evening of last week.

When introduced by Central Labor Council President A. G. Alameida, Dr. Kerr received hearty applause. He at once stepped to the microphone and said:

"I do appreciate the welcome you have given me. I had wondered what response would be given to a public member of the Wage Stabilization Board."

The background for this remark was, of course, the fact that when the three public members and the three management members of WSB voted for the 10 per cent wage increase formula, the three labor members withdrew from WSB. Since then, by radio and in statements to the press, the United Labor Policy Committee, including AFL, CIO and railway brotherhoods, has been denouncing the entire setup of the Mobilization Administration, including the Wage Stabilization Board.

BOARD OVERWORKED

It was in such a national setting that Dr. Kerr, already known to many local labor people in his regular capacity of director of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations on the Berkeley campus, gave his talk and answered questions.

When Kerr was asked why it was now being assumed that an 18-man WSB might be more effective than a nine-man one, he laughed:

"Because some of us want a rest, and thought we might do better working in shifts than working almost continuously on the board in Washington, and also trying to keep up our regular jobs."

NIGHTS ON PLANES

Dr. Kerr, for instance, during a period of 17 days spent seven nights of those days on transcontinental airplanes. He would finish his work on the campus at Berkeley, shut his desk down there, board the plane and open his desk in Washington at 11 a.m. the next day.

The three labor members had similar problems. Both Bates, the AFL member, and Rieve, the CIO member, are not only heads of important unions, but vice-presidents of their federations, as well. Obviously, the management members had their problems, too.

But the setting up of the proposed 18-man board has been held up not only by the general dispute between organized labor and Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, but by controversy over one specific demand of organized labor.

Organized labor wishes to have the proposed expanded WSB handle disputes as well as promulgate general formulae.

LITTLE STEEL FORMULA

If the board simply issues general formulae, workers in depressed industries which have lagged behind in wage adjustments would have no recourse for relief, organized labor contends. The management group has been resolutely sticking to the idea of confining the board to the issuance of general formulae.

Dr. Kerr said he considered the argument over this more difficult to solve than that over any of the subjects in issue.

During World War II the War Labor Board, while it followed a general rule called the Little Steel Formula, took up the problems of industries, case by case.

On one point Dr. Kerr was quite firm in the face of much skeptical questioning. He said the Little Steel Formula allowed only a 15 per cent wage increase for a period during which the cost of living had already advanced 18 per cent—and before the war ended the 15 per cent formula still prevailed, although the cost of living had by that time advanced 33 per cent over the base point. But the present 10 per cent formula, he said, was made at a time when the cost of living had advanced only 8 per cent in the assigned period.

BLS FIGURES DEFENDED

When some of his listeners showed a tendency to scoff at the 8 per cent cost of living rise figure, citing various department store items that had risen 40 per cent or more, Dr. Kerr replied that the estimating of the cost of living as a whole is expert business, and that the Bureau of Labor Statistics can be counted on to do a good job at it.

Moreover, said Dr. Kerr, provision has been made to examine the cost of living figures of the BLS which will come out April 10, and to reconsider the wage formula in their light. This will be done from time to time, he pointed out.

Another difference of procedure between World War II and the present emergency was brought out. In World War II, President Roosevelt issued executive orders setting wage policy. In the present emergency, wage policy formulation is four levels down the executive ladder. That is, the top level is the President; second is Defense Mobilizer Wilson; third down is Economic Stabilizer Johnston, and down on the fourth level is the Wage Stabilization Board.

ALL "TOO SOPHISTICATED"

Still another difference between World War II and the present emergency is psychological, and not due to any rule of procedure. It is the fact that the present emergency comes so closely after the experiences of World War II that everyone concerned remembers those previous experiences, and is wary lest some of the things that were done last time be done this time.

"Everyone this time," Dr. Kerr explained to his Labor Temple audience, "is a little too sophisticated. Each person seems to think that any one word may lead to something that resulted in World War II which that particular person didn't like. So every word, every move of

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Linoleum Layers Confer; Commend Green, ULPC

Executive board members of the Carpet, Linoleum and Floor Covering Workers Union met in a national conference at Sacramento last Saturday, according to Charles Garoni, publicity director for the group.

Garoni told East Bay Labor Journal that he and Glen McIntire, Linoleum Layers 1290, attended the conference, which was composed of all affiliated locals west of the Mississippi River.

The conference passed a resolution commending AFL President William Green and members of the United Labor Policy Committee for walking out of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Delegates to the conference also discussed ways and means of legally bypassing the Taft-Hartley Law—to no avail.

Garoni reported that the next national conference of his group will be held in San Francisco on August 18 and 19.

Defense Program Run as Betrayal Of People, Charge

Local 500, the lively publication put out by San Diego Waiters and Bartenders 500, enters the lists with the following challenge to the reactionaries endeavoring to control the defense program.

A shameful thing is happening in America—blatant betrayal of its loyal working men and women.

The Democratic Administration, which is in power largely because of labor support, is following price-and-wage-control and tax policies which discriminate harshly against those whose productive efforts constitute the greatest bulwark for the defense of our democracy.

Prices are being permitted to rise even beyond the present high levels, and the Administration admits that it is virtually impossible to enforce such price controls as have been imposed—which are nowhere near adequate. There are no controls on rents.

"CORPORATIONS LET OFF"

Corporations, which under the stimulus of defense production are piling up profits at a greater and greater rate, are let off comparatively light under current tax proposals.

Wages, however, are effectively frozen—at a level far below that which would permit working men and women to maintain a reasonable standard of living. The recent decision of the wage stabilizers to "permit" a 10 per cent rise in some wages is merely a sop to fool workers into believing their vital interests are being guarded. They are not.

The truth is that under these reactionary programs, all of the struggles and effort of labor during the last two decades for a greater share in the "American Way of Life" are being nullified. The truth is that the present Administration appears to have neither the courage nor the inclination to protect the interests of America's workers.

"AGAIN IN SADDLE"

A further truth is that the reactionaries, so successfully put to flight by the efforts of labor and its supporting liberals in recent years, are again in the saddle, and they are determined this time to remain in power.

They are fighting openly, using the threat of war—which may or may not be exaggerated for political purposes—to establish themselves in a position where they may destroy our great labor unions and return American workers into the virtual slavery from which those unions freed them.

The liberals have been frightened into inaction by McCarthyism and Peglerism, fearful of being called Communists if they protest reactionary policies.

U.C. Straddles Fence

The University of California's ASUC executive committee has rejected a move to have the committee go on record as being opposed to students crossing picket lines. Instead it adopted a resolution declaring that labor disputes involving students or groups involve the students as individuals only.

The committee took its stand after a labor union had objected to sorority members crossing the picket lines to do volunteer work at Herrick Memorial Hospital during the strike by nurses' aides and orderlies.

Expert Economist To Lecture Labor Class Wednesday

Jefferey Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302, informed delegates to the Central Labor Council that Sanford Mosk, University of California economics professor, will deliver a lecture to members of the labor class on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Labor Temple.

Professor Mosk will talk on the theme of land as a factor in the development of labor in the United States.

A delegate for the Barbers suggested that perhaps these labor classes could be held in the evenings when more members could attend. As it is now, he said, approximately 24 people attend the lectures, which seems like a "waste of an educated teacher's time."

Cohelan, however, was more optimistic. He said, "We started small, but we're growing steadily—in attendance and interest."

He stressed the fact that the classes are not limited only to council members. "All union members may come to the lectures," he declared.

Cohelan reported that he had discussed with CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash possibilities for setting aside a half hour of every council meeting during which "experts" can talk to the delegates on provocative subjects of current events.

"We need your cooperation to make this idea grow," he said.

Workers, Crooks in One Category for School Principal

H. W. Campbell, principal of Elmhurst Junior High School, which has about 50 teachers and 1200 students, doesn't think there's much difference between thieves and working people, judging by the following bulletin which he put out to his school recently:

Advertisement too late to classify: Personal—To all burglars, thieves and other rats: Sorry you took the trouble to ransack the office of this school. Please accept our apologies for not cooperating with you so that you would have gotten at least a dime to pay for the labor of breaking window in room 8 and kicking in the panel of office door.

We guarantee to you and your kind that there never will be enough money in the office to pay for trouble of breaking into the school as long as I am here. I hear that you did not get enough out of the other two schools to pay for your trouble in breaking into them. Would suggest you go to work and have a living wage and steady income. The small amount of work the average person does for his money nowadays should give you the feeling of being some sort of crooks in spite of the immunity from arrest.

H. W. CAMPBELL.

State Labor Group In Political Meet

The CIO State Council issues the following press release:

"Political action is more important to California unions than ever before in view of the increasing effect of government regulations on wages and working conditions arising from the national emergency program," declared Manuel Dias, president of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council at the Northern California Legislative Conference sponsored by the Council in Oakland recently.

Nearly 100 CIO members from the Bay Region examined political action in the state of California at the Sunday meeting. In addition to reviewing newest political developments under the national emergency program they briefed themselves in preparation for the Sacramento legislative session which opens March 12.

State Senator George Miller and Assemblymen William Rumford, Robert L. Condon, and Francis Dunn pointed out to the CIO unionists that new difficulties are now being thrown in the path of liberal legislation. "The anti-progressive legislators are now claiming that measures to improve the social welfare interfere with our emergency program," declared the legislators in an afternoon Panel discussion.

Urban League Expands Aid to Minority Groups

Increased aid to minority peoples appeared in the offing as the Urban League announced the appointment of Kenneth F. Smith as full-time industrial field secretary for the league's industrial relations program here.

Smith formerly served as the Urban League's Oakland representative on a part-time basis. His new headquarters is in the Community Chest Building, 337 13th street.

According to Smith, the chief target of his organization will be to develop "job opportunities for Negroes and other minority peoples in Oakland." His own work will include the promotion and coordination of the Urban League's industrial relations activities relative to "vocational guidance, training, personnel relations problems, employment and worker education.

Success of the Oakland 1950 Community Chest campaign has been instrumental in permitting the Urban League to expand its own aid program. The league joined the Oakland Chest in 1948.

'T-Model Tommy' Not Exactly on Best-Seller List

Ed Clancy, Newspaper Drivers 96, told delegates to the Central Labor Council that he had seen Dr. Miner, head of Richmond's Board of Education, and the latter had told him that "T-Model Tommy" will be pulled out of the school library if a formal labor protest is made.

"T-Model Tommy" is the anti-labor book which caused such a furor at a CLC meeting a few weeks ago. At that time one of the delegates had shown the council a copy of the book which was being used as supplementary reading material in the Richmond schools.

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, commended Clancy for his efforts in helping rid the schools of such obviously warped literature.

In answer to a question by Kopke, Clancy said that the State Board of Education had approved the book in 1947. Then Clancy asked how many of these books are in circulation.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash had the answer to this one. He reported that "only nine copies of 'T-Model Tommy' have been sold in the whole United States in the past six or seven years."

Teachers Union Is Opposed to No. 6

The Oakland Federation of Teachers (AFL) has issued the following statement against the proposal which, if it goes on the ballot in the spring election of April 17 in Oakland, would be Proposition 6:

The Oakland City Council has voted to place a proposition on the April ballot which will repeal Section 119 of the present charter. This section now permits the Board of Education to obtain funds for school purposes from the city government.

One part of the section, on request of the Board of Education, requires the City Council to levy a tax not to exceed 5 cents on each $100 of the assessed value of all real and personal property within the city, this amount to be used in the building fund of the school department. Another part of the same section now reads:

"The council may, upon request of the Board of Education, levy a rate upon the taxable property of the city which will, with the money obtained from other sources for educational purposes, raise sufficient funds to adequately support the public schools of the city."

The Oakland Federation of Teachers has protested this proposition to Mayor Rishell and City Manager Hassler.

The Oakland Board of Education has also voted to oppose this measure. All friends of education should ask for the defeat of this proposed charter change. We need more and not fewer sources of school revenue.

Dubinsky Here on Organizing Drive

David Dubinsky, president of the AFL International Garment Workers Union, has been meeting with union leaders here to discuss plans for organizing garment workers on the Pacific Coast.

This information was disclosed by Dubinsky while visiting in the Bay Area.

Dubinsky, who heads the country's sixth largest union, also disclosed some of his opinions in regard to price control and labor participation in government.

He characterized the government price control as one "in name only." He pointed out that living costs were still rising and "that demonstrates more clearly than anything that we do not have effective price control."

He charged the government with using labor representatives as "window dressing" in the defense mobilization setup.

Culinary Workers Sign 3

Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823 reported to the Central Labor Council Monday that they have signed agreements with the owners of three eating and drinking establishments.

They include Fowler's Gobble Inn, Castro Valley; Eastern Cafe, San Leandro, and Dandy's Hot Dog, San Leandro.

New Labor Group Formed

A new County CIO Council representing 7500 members in 13 separate unions has been organized in San Francisco.

Tim Flynn, Northern California regional director, said the new organization replaces the former council which "had been a tool of the Communist party." CIO National President Philip Murray had revoked the charter of the former council.

NOTICE!

Berkeley Painters Local 40

A special meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, to nominate and elect delegates to the State Conference of Painters Convention which meets next month.

Fraternally,
JOHN WARNER,
Recording Secretary.

United Labor Calls National Meeting

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash has been authorized by the CLC to accept an invitation to attend a conference on March 20 in Washington, where a report will be presented detailing developments which have taken place between the Uniter Labor Policy Committee and representatives of governmental agencies.

The invitation came in the form of a letter signed by AFL President William Green.

Green wrote that the one-day conference will cover all phases of "price control, rent control, wage stabilization and defense mobilization, as well as other problems which have developed out of the national and international emergency with which we are all confronted."

He suggested that those who attend the conference can in turn report back to the officers and members of their local labor bodies on the facts and information which are presented.

Several council delegates expressed the hope that the coming conference will help bring about a real solidification of labor's ranks.

The conference will represent another stride in the efforts of organized labor to give its side of the present government-labor deadlock to the public, as well as to its own membership.

Organized labor is already engaged in bringing its viewpoint to the public by means of radio and television.

The United Labor Policy Committee—representing the AFL, CIO and the Rail Brotherhoods—walked out on the Wage Stabilization Board last month in disagreement with a proposed formula to hold wage increases to 10 per cent above the January, 1950, level.

A few weeks later the Defense Administration tried to smooth over matters by approving cost-of-living escalator clauses in union contracts made before the wage freeze of January 25.

However, organized labor is still not placated and continues to be irked at any suggestion that it return to the WSB in its former completely passive role.

Labor is demanding that its importance to the defense mobilization be recognized and that it be given a more active role in the defense set-up.

Preservation of Local Labor Data Urged at CLC

Ed Ross, Teachers 771, suggested to Central Labor Council delegates Monday that more interest ought to be shown in compiling and preserving historical information about the local labor movement.

He felt that such a written history could serve a useful purpose to organized labor by being made available to local schools as well as to council delegates and other interested unionists. As a start in this direction, he thought that some of the elder labor delegates could give the younger men and women an overall picture of the local labor scene by addressing the council at regular intervals.

William Spooner, Culinary Alliance Local 31, rose immediately to give an impromptu account of a couple of little-known historical facts concerning local labor.

First off, the long-time labor stalwart decried the fact that all early files of the CLC had been destroyed to save space.

He characterized as "colorful" the 45-year-old history of the Alameda County Labor Council. He pointed out that the secondary boycott, which was adopted throughout the country, was first initiated here.

"It set a precedent in securing the economic advantages which we now have," he declared.

Spooner also disclosed the forgotten fact that an earlier vintage of the present CLC had taken the lead in the controversial Tom Mooney case.

He expressed the hope that the CLC will remain as progressive in the future as it has been in the past.

Hassler Asks $25 Wage Raise for City Employes

A blanket wage increase of $25 a month for all city employes has been recommended to the Oakland City Council by City Manager Jonn F. Hassler.

However, Hassler said that additional revenue amounting to more than $1,000,000 would have to be raised during the next fiscal year to cover the increased cost.

According to Hassler, increases for non-uniformed employes would cost the city $516,600; for police and firemen, $394,200; for increases in pensions to retired members of the police and fire departments, $60,450, and for additional payments to pension funds because of the increases, $41,360.

Landlord Rent Relief

U. S. Gov't Release

The Alameda County rent office is still available to landlords who have had no rent increases or less than 25 per cent since June 30, 1947, Robert H. Thorp, area rent director, said today.

The 25 per cent plan adopted by the Alameda County Rent Advisory Board went into effect here October 2, 1950, with no time limit specified, according to Thorp.

Listen to the Voice of the "A. F. of L." Monday through Friday, 10:15 p.m., KFRC.

State AFL Offers Three Scholarship Awards to Youths

A request for assistance and publicity for the State Federation of Labor's scholarship program received the approval of the Central Labor Council last week.

In a letter to the council, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State AFL, outlined the scope and purpose of the scholarship awards and asked the council to contact high schools directly and offer its assistance wherever possible.

The program offers three college scholarship awards of $500 each to deserving senior high school students in California who will be attending a four-year college or university during the coming academic year. The purpose of the awards is to assist outstanding students to obtain a higher education and to promote a better understanding of the American labor movement.

No distinctions will be made as to sex, color or creed.

The awards will be made on the basis of the student's score in a special examination and on his high school academic record.

All high school principals in the state have already been informed by Haggerty that applications for the awards must be in the Federation office by April 1, after which a two-hour examination will be conducted on May 4 in each high school attended by the applicants.

Judges in the contest are three educators—Vaughn D. Seidel, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools; Edgar L. Warren, director of the U. C. L. A. Institute of Industrial Relations, and Frederick A. Broier, assistant professor of economics at the University of San Francisco. The labor group is represented in the scholarship program by the Federation's education committee, under the chairmanship of Max J. Osslo.

Coast Employment Continues High Despite Minor Lag

U. S. Gov't Release

Continuing an unprecedentedly high winter level, Pacific industrial and commercial employment dipped slightly with the season from December to January.

A report issued March 8 by Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics showed 4,378,000 employed in mid-January, a 3½ per cent decline from December but more than 380,000 above January a year ago. The January drop was due mainly to layoffs of temporary postal and retail store workers hired as extras for the holidays.

Sustained by defense contracts, manufacturing and construction showed a marked resistance to the usual downward pressure during the winter months. Construction was off only 2½ per cent, as compared to 9 per cent last year. Manufacturing despite continued easing off of seasonal food processing and partial shutdowns of logging operations due to weather, showed less than half the December-January decline of last year.

SLIGHT SEASONAL DECLINE

Employment in durable goods, where increases in aircraft and machinery almost offset other layoffs, was down only 1 per cent.

Employment in all broad industry divisions, except mining, showed seasonal declines, but in each case they were less percentagewise than last year and at higher levels. Mining, which on the Pacific Coast, consists largely of crude oil extraction, showed no drop. Each of the three Coast States showed about the same proportionate employment declines in the various industries.

WORK WEEK LENGTHENS

Pressure of defense activities for longer hours plus a tapering off of short weeks in seasonal food processing pushed the average number of hours worked per week in manufacturing upward in amounts ranging from 0.1 in California to 1.6 hours in Oregon in December, in keeping with the national trend.

During the week ending December 16, California production workers in manufacturing averaged 40.0 hours; Oregon, 39.7; Washington, 40.2; U. S., 41.4. California and Washington ran close to the national increase of 1.6 hours over the previous year while Oregon showed only a slight gain (0.2).

Increasing overtime together with wage contracts rushed through before wage freezes produced sharp increases in average hourly earnings, especially in Oregon and Washington, where jumps of 4 and 5 cents per hour, respectively, were reported. A combination of higher hourly earnings and longer hours brought larger weekly paychecks averaging $68.66 in California, $74.66 in Oregon and $73.34 in Washington. All three states were well above the national average of $63.80.

Never Earns BTC Praise For Fine Job

Otto E. Never, newly elected president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, has earned the unstinted praise of the Alameda County BTC for his efforts in working out a satisfactory solution to the Hunt's Cannery dispute.

The dispute, which revolved around the question of jurisdiction of construction workers at the plant, had rankled in labor's breast for weeks.

Never had recently been requested to intercede on behalf of the local BTC. He responded by not only settling the local dispute, but had even extended the coverage of the agreement on a state-wide basis.

A letter containing the council's sentiments in regard to Never's "fine job" has already been sent to him. The council also recommended that each affiliated union send its commendation to Never individually.

REYNOLDS' REPORT

BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds reported to the delegates that he had been present at the Oakland City Council meeting at which City Manager Hassler had recommended a blanket wage increase of $25 for all city employes.

Reynolds said that some discussion followed the proposal, but he heard no specific date mentioned as to when the increase would apply.

He therefore recommended to the city councilmen that they put the wage increase into effect immediately.

DEMOCRATIC DINNER

Reynolds mentioned the fact that he had attended a meeting with the District Attorney of San Francisco in connection with the Jefferson-Jackson Day committee.

He recommended to the council delegates that all of the BTC trustees be authorized to attend the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

The council concurred with the recommendation after Reynolds joshed, "Let the trustees get some use out of the BTC money they oversee."

WORKERS EDUCATION

Jack Reynolds has been authorized to represent the BTC at the Workers Education Conference, to be held at Santa Monica tomorrow and Sunday.

The invitation to attend was presented by the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations which is sponsoring the two-day conference.

Alameda county AFL unions will be represented at the Workers Conference, inasmuch as Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash will also attend on behalf of the CLC.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS

BTC Secretary John Davy read the Board of Business Agents report which informed the delegates that Phillip Caccdro of Martinez had signed an agreement with Plasterers Local 112.

Caccdro, a Contra Costa county contractor, is now performing work in Alameda county.

Civil Defense Plans A-Bomb Food Safeguards

Civil Defense Release

Plans for inspection of fish, meat and poultry in the event of an atomic attack—a necessary measure to safeguard the public from the danger of eating food contaminated by radioactive particles—are being made by leaders of industry, labor and the Oakland Health Department.

A special civil defense committee of these leaders will meet March 19 to complete plans for emergency meat inspection. On the committee are the following: L. C. Taylor, United Meat Industry; Terry Damashino, Plantation Packing Company; W. L. Paladini, Paladini Fish Company; Charles Ayello and Castronovo, wholesale poultry dealers, and Francis Roberts, treasurer of the Butchers Union. W. J. Campbell and Sidney J. Dommes Jr. represent the Oakland Health Department.

Unions Vote 50 to 1 For CLC Election Date Shift

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, reported to council delegates this week on the latest returns from affiliated unions on the referendum on the constitutional amendment changing nomination and election meetings from the summer to January and February.

The latest tabulation shows 50 unions for the proposed change and one union opposed.

Three more YES votes will automatically authorize the change.

Special Notice!

Auto Machinists Local 1546!

Members and their families planning to attend the Shrine Circus this year will have an opportunity to get reserved seats at reduced prices in a section reserved for Monday, May 14, 1951.

Contact your union office for information and reservations.

J. E. CLARK,
Financial Secretary.

Has Labor's Oakland Board of Education Plan Been Achieved?

By ED M. ROSS
President, Oakland Federation of Teamsters

A subcommittee of the Political Committee of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County drew up during the 1949 Board of Education election what it called "The Board of Education Platform." The candidates endorsed by labor agreed to the principles enumerated in the platform.

It is now time, since another Board of Education election is to be held on April 17, to take inventory on just how much of the platform has been established.

Let us take the "planks" in the platform and in a brief manner, note what, if anything, has been done to make the program a reality:

PLANK I

"I. Two of the chief functions of the School Board are:

"1. Selection of the Superintendent of Schools.

"2. Selection of a competent business manager to administer the $15,000,000 budget of the schools."

Since the board election, Mr. Selmer Berg, formerly Superintendent of Schools in St. Paul, Minn., has been hired as Superintendent in Oakland at a salary of $17,000 per year.

Mr. Don Rice, business manager of the Oakland Public Schools for over 20 years, continues in that capacity.

PLANK II

"II. The Board of Education should immediately contract for a survey of the Oakland schools, covering the following points:

1. Finances. 2. Personnel. 3. Building and grounds. 4. General administrative practices.

"This survey should be totally objective in nature, conducted by outside agents and outside the scope of possible influence by anyone connected currently or previously with the Oakland Public Schools."

The Political Committee was of the opinion that the Oakland Public School Department, which spends some $15,000,000 a year for current operation and other millions in the building program, should periodically take stock of itself. The committee believed that the time was an opportune one, as Dr. William R. Odell had just resigned as Superintendent and a new man was being sought to take his place. What better time for an overall inventory of the school system? The new superintendent should have an objective evaluation of the entire system before he took over. Whatever failings, if any, which might be found, would be no reflection on the new man.

In addition, such a survey would be a protection to him, as it would reveal what changes and improvements should be made and also any inadequacies antedating his arrival. It should be made by an outside agency hired for that specific purpose in order that the survey be entirely objective in its findings and reveal the actual condition of the system. Incidentally, no survey has been made for years.

The two candidates endorsed by the labor movement, Charles Fisher and Otto Hieb, were elected to the Board of Education. Both subscribed to this program. However, they were two against five other members on the board and so the survey, which in many ways was the most important plank in the platform, has not been made.

PLANK III

III. The educational policy of the board should encompass the following:

"1. School policy should emanate from the Board of Education and not from the Superintendant of Schools, business manager or other administrative personnel."

This position was taken because of the tendency of Boards of Education to become mere rubber stamps for the strong administrators and to fail to function properly as a lay balance wheel in the conduct of the schools. The Board of Education should critically examine every proposal submitted to it from whatever source. To accept the opinions and recommendations of the administrative branch of the schools without question or scrutiny is to become a puppet or figurehead.

It is, of course, difficult to determine how much of school policy originates in the board or in the administration. Lay people on the Board of Education are usually in no position to compete with the administrators on technical matters in education. That is to be expected. However, on other educational matters the board is as qualified as any administrative or teacher group to make a decision on important issues affecting the schools. For instance, on a matter such as the right of teachers to join a labor union, or on salaries.

There seems to be a genuine effort among some of the present board members to become informed enough to be in a position to make decisions based on their own knowledge of school conditions and problems. The president of the board, Otto Hieb, and Director Charley Fisher have both made a real effort to understand the local school situation.

It has also been these two members who have originated and led what discussion has occurred on the board. Other members have indicated a gradual awakening to the possibilities and responsibilities of their office. However, it should be pointed out that, although there has been some improvement, too many of the school directors sit through meeting after meeting without a question or a comment. What contribution these members are making to the welfare of the schools is difficult to determine. There are so many problems crying for solution, board meetings could be exciting, challenging and full of action.

Superintendent Berg must also be commended in his efforts to "educate" the board members. His policy of presenting panels of teachers at board meetings to tell about educational practices and activities in the schools has undoubtedly given much information to the directors. The one criticism which might be made here is that too many of these presentations have been "dressed up affairs," showing off the system at its very best. This practice could result in a board assuming there were no problems or situations needing improvement and in lulling it into apathy and inaction.

(To be continued)

Truck Driver Honoring Typo Picket Line Fired; NLRB Orders Rehiring

ROCKVILLE CENTER, N. Y. (LPA).—A newspaper truck driver fired when he refused to cross a Typographical Union picket line has been ordered reinstated by a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner.

Charles Waugh, driver for Rockaway News Company, balked at crossing the line in front of the Nassau Daily Review Star in March, 1950. He offered to carry the papers if they were brought to him beyond the picket line, but was fired.

His rehiring was directed by the examiner "because a legitimate picket line is a form of protected activity" under the Taft-Hartley act and because "the fact that Waugh was not a member of the picketing union is immaterial."

The company contended it had a contract with the Newspaper and Mail Delivers' Union containing a "no strike" clause and Waugh could be fired because he violated that clause. The trucking company also said Waugh was in violation of the "partial strike" doctrine of T-H by wanting papers delivered beyond the picket line.

Trial Examiner Leo J. Best ruled the preferential hiring clause of the contract between Rockaway News and the Delivers' Union was illegal, that the "saving" clause didn't "save" the contract and that therefore, the entire document was illegal. He extended this reasoning to say, in effect, that the "no strike" clause was part of an illegal contract and could not be used against Waugh.

He ordered Waugh rehired, but left up in the air the question of whether a "no strike" clause in a legitimate contract can be used against a worker who refuses to cross the picket line of another union.

CAREY ON DUAL MISSION

James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, is now in San Francisco attempting to reorganize the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. The ILWU was expelled from the CIO for Communist domination.

Carey said he would also work with Tim Flynn, CIO director for Northern California, on plans for organizing "some of the unorganized" electrical plants.

WSB Member Kerr Faces Labor Here

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any sort has been scrutinized with the utmost slowness and care."

"THE COUNTRY BOY"

Dr. Kerr then used an illustration which amused his hearers.

"In World War II," he said, "all those concerned with wage policy were a little like a country boy accustomed to country girls. The boy would first take hold of the girl's hand, then her arm, proceeding case by case, you might say. But in this emergency it's as though the same country boy had come to the big city and met a sophisticated city girl. And the minute he takes hold of her hand, she draws it away and says, 'Just where are you headed for? Are you figuring on winding up by kissing me?'".

Many of the questions which were flung at Dr. Kerr for an hour dealt with the question of whether or not independent employers were authorized to pay the same wage rate agreed upon before the freeze by an employers association with the union. Dr. Kerr said he thought that within a few days a ruling would come out of Washington okaying these "tandem" or "piggy back" cases, as they are called. And sure enough, such a ruling did come a day or so later from Economic Stabilizer Johnston.

Which confirmed the feeling of his hearers that Dr. Kerr is well informed on what's going on in Washington.

Prior to the Labor Temple meeting, Dr. Kerr was the guest of Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary, at dinner at the Villa de la Paix.

Nordstrom Machinists Get 12-Cent Pay Boost

Lathes were turning again this week after a month-long shutdown as more than 600 CIO machinists returned to work at the Nordstrom Valve Division of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins disclosed details of the wage settlement which he negotiated between the company and the CIO East Bay Machinists.

Under the settlement, machinists will receive a blanket wage increase of 12 cents an hour retroactive to February 5. This will boost wages from $1.83½ to $1.95½.

Other terms of the present contract will remain in force until its expiration date, July 31.

12 PER CENT BOOST SOUGHT

DANVILLE, Va. (LPA).—A general wage increase of 12 per cent will be sought for 180,000 cotton-rayon workers who are members of the CIO Textile Workers Union. The union is also seeking a uniform wage scale in 470 mills under contract.

Pearson Sues McCarthy

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Columnist Drew Pearson wants $3,600,000 from Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Fulton Lewis Jr., Westbrook Pegler, the Washington Times-Herald, Don Surine, aide to McCarthy, and four other individuals.

He filed suit in U.S. District Court recently, charging McCarthy libeled him, assaulted him and joined with the others in a "plan" to discredit him with the public.

Other defendants are Edward K. Keller, an aide to Lewis; George Waters, former Times-Herald staff member; Morris A. Bealle, author, and J. B. Matthews.

U. C. Professor Tells Labor Students Problems of Asia

UC Press Release

Prof. Robert Scalapino of UC spoke to members of the Central Labor Council class in political science last week and advanced the thesis that there can be no military victory in Asia unless many political, social and economic questions are answered.

Emphasizing the fact that the American people are too self-righteous about their policy in Asia, Dr. Scalapino gave his reasons why. Although America was never an imperialistic nation in Asia, he said, it reaped the same benefits through the "most favored nation" clauses in treaties. Also, acts of benevolence came in spurts, as there was no Marshall Plan in Asia. Our policies did bring us large groups of personal friends in China, but things like the Exclusion Acts alienated many more would-be allies.

Civil war internally in China and the disintegration of the Nationalist regime under Chiang Kai-shek thwarted our attempts for a peaceful settlement of the Asiatic question. There is no evidence that we could have saved the Nationalists under any circumstances. We offered men, money and advisers, most of which were refused by Chiang until it was too late for them to be effective. He never did put into effect necessary economic reforms which might have preserved the beginnings of democracy. He had lost the faith of the Chinese people.

KOREA QUESTION

The question in Korea is whether we can afford to go on. Adopting the 38th parallel which divided the country was a policy made in the field of battle and based on expediency. Russia and the United States couldn't agree who was to represent the Koreans The Russians had been more skillful in training local leaders in the ways of Communism so that there was a "people's" government ready to take over led by a few individuals. The Americans had to deal with groups in South Korea who were not united against the Communists. The Rhea government now tends to be reactionary and not democratic. Hence, it has lost some of the support of the people and does not stand as a good example of American democracy to many Chinese.

It was a gamble for us to have crossed the 38th parallel. As a result of our action the Chinese entered the war. The government of India had advised us that such would be the case; General MacArthur thought otherwise and was proved wrong. It is now hard to find a solution in Korea. The idea conveyed to the Chinese that America intends to reinstate Chiang Kai-shek spurs many to greater resistance, even though internally the Communists are weak.

U. S. ATTITUDE CHANGES

In Japan it is significant to note the changed attitude of Americans in the last five years. Then, the Japanese were enemies; now allies. In the fight against Communism, American policy has shifted to the right so that we have suppressed free speech and encouraged suppression even of trade unions.

Re-militarization of Japan is questionable on two grounds:

1. Such a policy might jeopardize our plan for democratization of Japan, which has been our best argument against Communism;

2. It is questionable whether the Japanese want to re-arm.

For these reasons, it would seem advisable to use Japan as an ideological ally—a Far Eastern country living in peace and democracy, rather than engaging in war and Communism.

Farm Labor Union Checks Wetbacking

National Farm Labor Union

AFL Farm Labor Union officials in Calexico on Friday, March 2, stopped the illegal contracting of wetbacks at the United States immigration office at the border.

Hank Hasiwar, western director of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, stated that Ernesto Galarza, vice-president of the union and local union officers from Calexico and Brawley trailed the movement of busloads of Mexican illegals (wetbacks) from Westmoreland in the Imperial Valley to the immigration office at the border. There the union stopped the illegal contracting of the wetbacks and forced the Mexican consul, as well as the United States Immigration Service, to deport the Mexicans over the border.

Wires were dispatched by the union to Mexico's Ambassador, Rafael De la Colina, in Washington, D. C., requesting the Ambassador to order the Mexican consul at Calexico, Elias Colunga, "to close the border against any further importation of labor, as well as any further recontracting of Mexican nationals in the United States because of the fraudulent violation of the Mexican labor importation agreement of 1948."

Similar wires were sent to Maurice Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor; Glenn Brocway, head of the USES on the West Coast, and Alfonso Guerra, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico, notifying them of the union's demand.

PHILADELPHIA (LPA).—The Upholsterers Union has announced plans for a $100,000 bomb shelter for its national office here. Union President Sal B. Hoffmann said the shelter is being built to give maximum protection to the 100 employes in the building. He expressed hope that it never would be used.

Oil Workers Gain 10 Per Cent Raise

CIO Release

SAN FRANCISCO.—The CIO Oil Workers International Union has reached agreement for a 7-cent average hourly wage increase and improved working conditions in a settlement of statewide negotiations with Shell Oil Company.

Charles F. Armin, District 1 director of the CIO Oil Workers, of Long Beach, headed the union negotiating committee which signed the agreement on behalf of some 2800 oilfield and refinery workers in Martinez, Bakersfield, Coalinga, Ventura and Long Beach.

The wage increase is 10 per cent over rates as of January 1, and is effective as of March 1, but the settlement is subject to approval of the U. S. Wage Stabilization Board.

Armin reported a number of working condition sections of the contract were improved, particularly on job security, union security (elimination of an escape clause in maintenance of membership), safety protection and holidays.

The OWIU-CIO's settlement with Shell was the first important agreement this year with a major California oil producer, and was expected to affect pending negotiations with Tidewater Associated and other firms. The new agreement came after the first full contract talks between OWIU-CIO and Shell since the 1948 statewide oil strike.

'Hard' Bargaining Upheld by NLRB

DALLAS (LPA).—There's a difference between "hard bargaining" and "refusal to bargain," according to Louis Plost, National Labor Relations Board trial examiner.

He dismissed charges brought by Local 707, Stationary Engineers-AFL, against the United States Cold Storage Corporation here because the company had made some concessions—no matter how reluctant—during negotiations.

"Whether or not the company's wage rate was inadequate, or the union's demand unreasonable, is not a matter to be considered here," Plost ruled. "All that is at issue is whether the company bargained in good faith with respect to all bargainable issues raised. The outcome of the bargaining, if carried on in good faith, is of no concern here."

He said it is apparent the company "was a hard bargainer, but there is no evidence it approached the bargaining table with a closed mind and a fixed determination to make the gesture of bargaining only." Plost noted that "the union was also a hard bargainer."

When you finish reading this East Bay Labor Journal, pass it on for a friend or neighbor. Let them know, too, what the unions are doing

Dunn Says That He'd Run for Congress If New District Open

Assemblyman Francis Dunn, Jr., saw something in the Oakland Tribune recently which was about him, so he was interested, and wrote the Tribune editor the following letter:

Dear Sir:

On page 56 of your issue of Sunday, Feb. 25, 1951. "The Knave" indulged in some speculation on the possibility of Congressman George P. Miller seeking re-election to the House of Representatives from the new district expected to be created in Contra Costa county, and if so, would Assemblyman Francis Dunn Jr. run for the Alameda county district Miller leaves?" "The Knave" also stated, "The principals themselves have not been heard from."

As one of the "principals," I wish to inform "The Knave" that if such an eventuality occurs I certainly intend to seek election to the House of Representatives.

Another, and to me an insulting question, raised by "The Knave" was, "Was this why Dunn decided against acceptance of the Oakland Postmastership?" I am sure "The Knave" knows better. A copy of my letter to Congressman Miller declining the nomination was sent to the Political Editor of the Oakland Tribune. Copies of the letter were reprinted in the Daily Review of Hayward, the Castro Valley Reporter, the East Bay News and The East Bay Labor Journal. From my reading of the daily "Knave" in the Tribune I have come to believe that the writer of that column is an unusually avid reader of the latter two publications.

My letter to Congressman Miller said substantially that I felt it was my duty to continue in the State Assembly to which I was virtually re-elected, and that it would be unfair to burden the taxpayers with cost of a special election merely because I had obtained a better paying position.

I am also very sure that "The Knave" was aware of the pledge which every candidate signs, namely, "If nominated I will accept the nomination and will not withdraw and will qualify for the office if nominated and elected." While this pledge is not legally binding, anyone who would violate such a pledge before his term of office had even begun would, to my mind, hardly be a fit person to hold any position of responsibility, and any newspaperman who failed to point this out would be derelict in his duty.

If such a matter involved two Democratic office holders I suspect "The Knave" would display more than ordinary zeal in carrying out his duty.

Sincerely yours,
FRANCIS DUNN JR.

U. C. Lecturer Conducts Classes For Carpenters

Douglas Dowd, University of California lecturer in economics, is conducting a series of classes for the Stewards' Council at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th street, Oakland.

Classes are being held at irregular intervals on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. The following is a list of the dates and subject matter of future classes:

March 21 and April 11—"The Duties of a Job Steward."

April 25—"Workmen's Compensation in Construction Crafts."

May 9—"Social Security—What You Should Know About It."

May 23—"Legislative Problems in the Building Trades."

The Carpenters Unions and the Oakland Public Schools are cooperating with the University of California Extension in presenting the labor courses.

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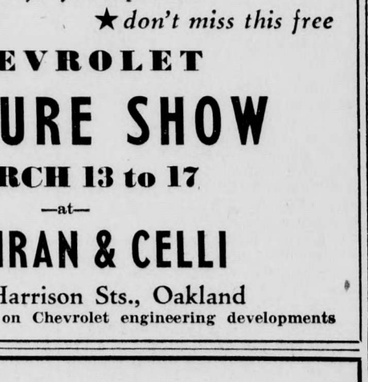
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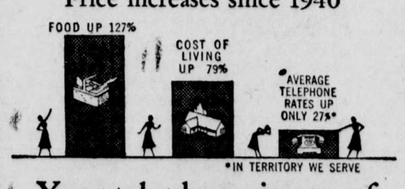
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Postal Clerk Asks Congressman To Face Post Office Wage Facts

Robert C. Durand, president of Postal Clerks Local 79 of Oakland, wrote to Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., of the Seventh District, asking him to support a measure raising postal salaries. Allen replied, and Durand replied to Allen. East Bay Labor Journal prints below the last two letters mentioned, dated respectively March 2 and March 6:

ALLEN TO DURAND

Dear Mr. Durand:

Thank you for your recent communication concerning legislation (R. R. 244, S. 355 and others) to grant salary increases to postal employes.

As you know, these bills are pending before the Senate and House Post Office and Civil Service Committees. The Senate Committee has held one hearing on S. 355, with further hearings to be held at a later date. The House Committee has scheduled no action to date on H. R. 244.

Heretofore, I have consistently favored legislation which would benefit postal employes. However, in view of the top priority being given national defense measures and the increasing demand that inflation be curbed, it seems probable to me that this postal legislation will be scrutinized much more carefully than might otherwise have been the case.

I appreciate receiving your recommendations and will have them in mind when these bills are called up for action on the floor of the House.

Thank you for writing me.

Cordially yours,

JOHN J. ALLEN JR.

DURAND TO ALLEN

Hon. John J. Allen Jr.,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your mimeographed communication of March 2, 1951, and wish to thank you for writing me, even though you did not commit yourself as being for or against legislation to increase the salaries of postal employes.

In your letter you have stated that you have consistently been in favor of legislation which would benefit postal employes, but it seems that you now have some doubts as to the wisdom of granting to these employes an increase in their take-home pay. You cite as your reasons for such doubts the fact that national defense measures and the increasing demands that inflation be curbed take top priority in the national legislative picture at the present time.

Mr. Allen, there can be no argument that national defense measures are of the utmost importance, not only today but at all times for the security and welfare of this country, and that is as it should be. However, I cannot reconcile my thinking with your statement whereby you tie together a salary increase and the word "inflation." Surely you cannot be serious when you advance the idea that a salary increase for postal workers would plunge this country into an economic slump, and it would be the result of a meager increase in the wages of the people that move the mail; surely you must realize that by denying a wage adjustment to the employes of the United States Postal Service this country won't materially decrease the problem of inflation. Outside industry has recognized that the cost of living is spiraling and they have, in a great many instances, voluntarily increased the salary of their employes, and as things look at the present time there will be further increases. But the Congress of the United States has sat back and said, "No, we'll let our postal employes get along as best they may on their present salaries because we must curb inflation."

You must have received many, many letters by this time, Mr. Allen, urging you to testify favorably before the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, and to vote for a salary increase when that legislation comes up on the floor of the House. What inspires those communications to you, and why do people write? First, these people are inspired to write because they see that they cannot get along on the salary they are now receiving and maintain a decent home for themselves and their families (if you can call going into debt an "inspiration"). Second, they write to you, their Congressman, because you are their boss—you have the power in your hands to alleviate their financial condition, and so their collective appeal is made to you, as it is to all other Congressmen. Government workers are denied the right to strike for higher salaries and better working conditions, so they have no choice—other than to quit their jobs and seek employment elsewhere—but to seek your approval in matters of this kind.

This is no idle or insincere plea from the postal workers. It is a real and urgent request from them that you, their boss, help them to fight this increased cost of living, and stems from the facts that they have had to use up what little savings they have managed to accumulate; have had to seek part-time jobs; have had to disrupt their family to augment their postal incomes, and have had to forego many of the ordinary pleasures that mean so much to the men and women of this country.

You, as the Congressman of many of our postal workers in Oakland, can do much to aid them by urging the chairman of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service to hold immediate hearings on postal salary legislation; to testify favorably when these hearings commence, and to vote for the postal workers when this legislation comes on the floor of the House. We are not asking for the moon or the sun—we are not jealous of the fact that huge profits are being made by corporations (General Motors Corporation had a net profit of $834,044,039 in 1950—enough from just one corporation to take care of the salary increase for postal workers)—nor are we asking for two cars in every garage, and a television set in every room of our homes. All we want is a little simple justice in the way of a salary increase so that we may go on enjoying our American way of life. Won't you help?

Thanking you once again for your letter of March 2, and hoping that you will take some action on the above suggestions, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. DURAND,

President, Postal Clerks Local 79.

2250 Molders on Strike

CINCINNATI (LPA).—A strike of 2250 members of the International Molders and Foundryworkers, AFL, has shut down 26 foundries in southwestern Ohio and northern Kentucky. The union is seeking a 15 per cent boost over the present scale of $1.61 for journeymen and $1.16 for laborers. Companies have offered 12½ per cent.

LAWYERS' CLOSED SHOP

ALBANY, N. Y. (LPA).—The real estate boys don't like the idea of lawyers moving in on them. They are busy lobbying against a bill in the Legislature which would forbid any person other than a lawyer to draw up legal papers in connection with real estate business. That's a monopoly move, they charge. In New Jersey the real estate boys are fighting a similar measure.

State Veterans Borrow $3½ Millions for Homes, Farms in February

The State Department of Veterans Affairs invested $3,531,247 of bond-issue funds in the low-interest financing of farms and homes for 494 ex-servicemen during February, Director of Veterans Affairs D. J. Callaghan Jr. reported today.

Included in the total were 445 existing houses, 42 construction loans and seven farms.

PURCHASES DOWN

The monthly volume of purchases fell below $4,000,000 for the first time in more than a year during February, but Callaghan pointed out that the small number of working days last month was one factor limiting activity. Another, he said, was the continued effect of the national defense emergency on the real estate market, on the construction industry and on the plans of many veterans themselves.

Under the "Cal-Vet" program the Department of Veterans Affairs may advance an eligible and qualified veteran up to $7500 on the purchase of a home or $13,500 on a farm. The appraisal value of the property must not exceed $10,000 in the case of a home or $15,000 in the case of a farm, although the purchase price may be higher.

To be eligible, a veteran must have been born in California or must have been a resident of this state at the time he entered military service.

CAL-VET BENEFITS

Interest on purchase contracts is currently 3 per cent. Other advantages to the "Cal-Vet" participant include a substantial saving on fire insurance and a low-cost Home Protection Plan of life insurance.

The program is financed through the sale of California Veterans Bonds, which involve no support from taxes because the payments made by the contract-holding veterans cover both the cost of the bonds and the administrative overhead of the program.

Tobin Urges Deferment For Skilled Workers

U. S. Gov't Release

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, in a statement before the House Committee on Armed Services, urged the adoption of an occupational deferment policy for reservists and members of the National Guard with critical skills.

He recommended that universal military training and service legislation include a provision permitting the President to develop such deferment policies and procedures for the maximum utilization of the nation's manpower skills.

Tobin said that unrestricted recall of a high volume of involuntary reservists and National Guardsmen "could have serious results upon the supervisory, management, scientific, technical and skilled work forces in many critical war plants and essential civilian activities."

He pointed out that in addition to an armed force, the nation in mobilization requires a munition industry to support that force, and certain minimum levels of essential civilian production and services. "Consequently, a universal military training program designed to build up the military reserves available for full mobilization must make allowance for the civilian skills that will be necessary to support full mobilization," Tobin stated.

1 Prospective Mass Graduate Has 2 Apprenticeships at Once

Apprentice Graduation

Serving two apprenticeships—one in civilian life and one with the U. S. Navy—is the record of Hugh W. Strehle, 24, of 3028 Sylvan avenue, Oakland.

Enlisting as an apprentice seaman in the Navy in March 21, 1944, Strehle was released to inactive duty with the Naval Reserve on March 28, 1947, as as Sonarman second class.

Immediately upon leaving active duty with the Navy he started his four years of apprenticeship as an automobile and truck painter under the supervision of the Alameda and Contra Costa counties labor and management joint apprenticeship committee for the trade.

Because of unusual proficiency he has been recommended for a state trade certificate two months ahead of schedule, according to Les Moore, committee chairman, and his name will appear on the rolls of the fourth annual mass apprenticeship graduation, to be held in the Oakland Auditorium in June.

AT TREASURE ISLAND

On February 12 Strehle was called to active duty at the Receiving Station, Treasure Island, San Francisco, to complete the fourth year of his enlistment as a Sonarman and is now awaiting transfer to his next duty station.

As a civilian he has built a secure job future for himself, however, because when he returns to Oakland one year hence he will be a full-fledged journeyman automobile painter (present wages $17 per day) with a job guaranteed by the committee, members of which are Moore, William Champion and Fred Campbell, representing Auto and Ship Painters Local No. 1176, and John Janusch, secretary, representing Automotive Industries Inc.; George Gardner, an employer, and Ed Slusser, representing the East Bay Automobile Dealers Association. Advisors to the committee are Ralph H. Judish of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and Don Griffin of the Berkeley Public Schools.

FINANCE GROUP

Members of the subcommittee for finance for the apprentice graduation were announced as follows:

Joseph M. Callahan, chairman, International Association of Machinists, Lodge 284; M. H. Barklow, treasurer, Appliance Dealers Trade Association of Alameda County.

Dan Cutter, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors of Northern California; Jack Bagnall, Ship Repairers Association; Dan Bronson, National Electrical Contractors Association; Walter Blumert, Painting and Decorating Contractors Association; Sidney J. Rice, Cleaning and Dyeing Industry; Joseph H. Witt, Plastering Contractors Association of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; Resti Zaballos, General Contractors and Builders Association of East Bay; Ed Flynn, Refrigeration Dealers Association; W. C. McClure, East Bay Retail Bakers Association; George Drysdale, General Contractors and Builders Association of the East Bay; William Johnson, E. K. Wood Company, Oakland; Clyde Cole, Radio and Television Repair JAC; Tom Yantis, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors Association of Northern California; P. W. Hovey, California Metal Trades Association.

Fred Brooks, Pressmen's Union, Local 125; Charles Garoni, Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290; Harry Grady, Hardwood Floor Layers, Local 1861; Roman Mannebach, Metal Polishers and Platers, Local 128; G. L. Kephart, Carpenters Local 1622; Jimmy O'Donnell, Steamfitters Union, Local 342; William Phalanger, Roofers Local 81; Jack Clark, Automotive Machinists 1546; S. E. Rockwell, Electricians Union, Local 596; William York, Garage and Service Station Employes, Local 78; Stan Lore, Shipwrights, Joiners and Boatbuilders 1149; Les Hafer, Structural Iron Workers, Local 378.

Ralph Dallman, Bureau of Apprenticeship; Loren N. Stevens, Laney Trade Tech.

Ford, Chrysler Follow GM on Escalator Raises

DETROIT (LPA). — Ford and Chrysler have followed the lead of General Motors in granting production workers cost-of-living pay increases under the "escalator" clauses in their contracts with the CIO United Auto Workers.

All of the "Big Three" used the old Bureau of Labor Statistics consumers price index under which the workers got 5 cents more an hour.

Affected were: 351,000 at GM; 104,000 at Chrysler, and 119,000 at Ford. The 128,000 salaried workers of the three firms also received the increases.

The increase was based on the BLS index for January 15, which showed a rise of 3.2 points over December 15.

Walter Reuther, UAW-CIO president, in a letter to Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) asking that the Senate Labor Committee he heads hold hearings on inflation, said his union is willing to take a wage rollback if the cost of living is rolled back to the pre-Korean level.

UNITY MOVE REJECTED

PORTLAND, Ore. (LPA). — The Portland AFL has rejected a proposal to join with the CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and other labor groups in forming a united labor organization here. The rejection, voted by the Central Labor Council, scored a victory for the conservative faction which opposed formation of a joint political machine in last fall's election campaign.

2400 Here Eligible for Social Security Pay Now

More than 2400 eligible Oakland residents will forfeit more than $1,000,000 in monthly Federal Social Security payments if they fail to file their claims by March 31.

Victor C. Broome, Oakland Social Security manager, issued this reminder from his office at the main Post Office Building here.

"They'll also get benefits back to September if they file their claims before the end of this month," Broome added.

He explained that recent changes in the Social Security Law made an estimated 6300 East Bay residents eligible for payments starting September 1, 1950.

"So far, about 3850 of them have filed claims, but we are looking for the other 2450."

Broome listed three separate groups who are eligible for the insurance payments ranging from $20 to $68.50 a month. They are:

1. Retired workers 65 or older who have worked at least one and one-half years on jobs covered by Social Security.

2. Persons 75 or older, whether retired or still employed, who have at least one and one-half years work under Social Security.

3. Survivors of World War II servicemen.

State Pays Half Billion For Social, Civic Aid

State Gov't Release

SACRAMENTO. — Payments to agencies of local government, and aid to aged and blind persons represented more than half the total cost of state government during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950.

This was the highlight of a report submitted to Governor Earl Warren by State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel.

During the fiscal year, Kuchel said, the total cost of state government amounted to $1,050,602,465, the first time in history that California's state government topped the billion dollar mark.

And of this sum, subventions totaled $569,169,831, according to the report.

Broken into categories, the subventions were as follows: Education, $233,249,296; social welfare and public health, $168,034,446 (including $135,120,933 aged aid); public works, $31,279,279; other purposes, including county and citrus fairs, $4,884,063; shared revenues to cities and counties, $131,722,747.

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National Labor Council To Honor Secretary Tobin

Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin will be guest of honor at a fund-raising dinner in New York City in May which will be tendered by the National Labor Council of the City of Hope. An outstanding group of sponsors, headed by President William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of the CIO will participate.

In a visit to the West Coast last year Secretary Tobin hailed the City of Hope for its major contribution to the nation's health. "The steadfast adherence of the City of Hope to non-sectarian principles, its open-hearted service to men and women of different religious and racial backgrounds — men and women who come to its doors for the care that will restore them to society as useful, productive citizens, makes it more than worthy of public support," Mr. Tobin stated.

TV Strike in South

ATLANTA (LPA).—The National Association of Broadcast Engineers and Technicians have struck radio station WAGA and its television affiliate WAGA-TV here following six months of fruitless negotiations. It is the first radio-TV strike in the South.

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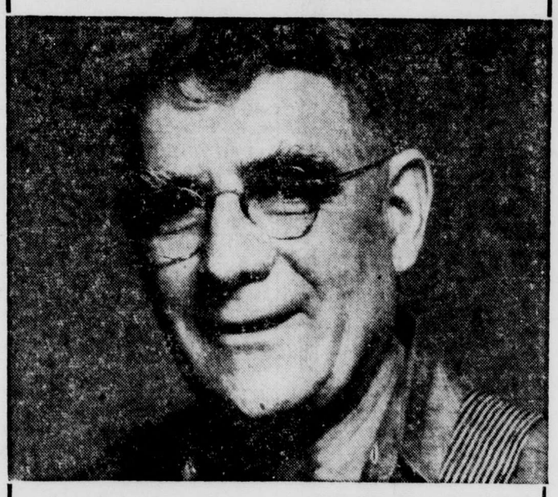
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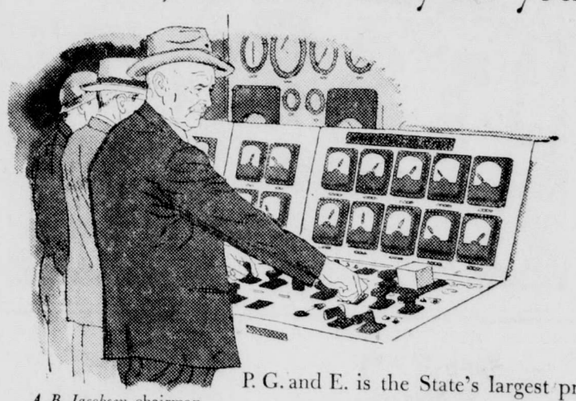


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Federal Housing Bill Branded 'Gravy Train' For Real Estate Men

WASHINGTON (LPA).—The defense housing bill reported out by the House Banking and Currency Committee has been labeled by the CIO as "nothing less than a gravy train grab for real estate interests."

In its "Legis-Letter," issued by the Legislative Department, the CIO says the bill is an attempt by the real estate lobby to "cash in all its chips, and yours, too."

"First and foremost," the letter says, "they are seeking an increase in mortgage insurance that would permit them to raise the prices of houses by another $1000.

"Secondly, they are seeking an amendment to end the low rent public housing program. After spending millions of dollars to halt, delay or impede public housing city by city, they now charge that the program has failed.

"They have infiltrated local housing authorities, redevelopment agencies and city councils to defeat the program from within. This tactic has been aided by timidity and hesitancy in the Federal housing agencies."

SUGAR PLUM

Leo Goodman, executive director of the CIO Housing Committee was even more outspoken about the "sugar plum for the construction industry."

He said the 30 amendments tacked on the bill by the House committee "just give builders $3,000,000,000 of Government insurance." Goodman said the CIO will work to defeat the House version and that it hopes to get a much better bill out of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Major faults of the bill, according to Goodman, are the $1000 increase in the mortgage amount on single family dwellings up to $9000 in high-cost areas, too-high rents, and a provision to include trailers as "defense housing."

Goodman says 90 per cent of the country can qualify as a "high cost" area and that the mortgage increase will have the end effect of raising the cost of every single house in the nation by $1000.

$110 RENTS

Apartments proposed under the House bill would have rents that would run around $110 a month with utilities, Goodman claims. This would put them far out of the reach of defense workers.

He looks with something more than a jaundiced eye upon the amendment including trailers. Goodman says this was a last-minute insertion and was made after Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson said that trailers offered a "simple solution" to the problem of putting a roof over defense workers.

The House version has strayed wide from the mark, Goodman declared. As it now stands it provides only that the Government has "standby" powers to move in and do a job only if private industry cannot meet the need.

He said the CIO will push the following five-point program before the Senate committee: (1) Construction of as many homes as possible with available manpower and material, (2) top priority to construction of housing on military establishments and at least 100,000 units of low rent public housing, (3) new civilian housing for those who need housing the most, (4) a middle income housing program for workers not eligible for public housing, (5) adequate rent control for the duration of the emergency.

Three UAW Men to Get $4000 in Back Pay

DETROIT (LPA).—Three members of the CIO Auto Workers who were fired by Bendix Corporation for attending a union meeting have been ordered rehired with back pay of $4000 each by a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner.

The examiner also found the company had illegally attempted to oust the UAW from its plant and ordered it to stop using coercion and threats and discouraging membership in the union.

Publishers Helped Cause Short Newsprint Supply, Union President Charges

Newspaper publishers, not newsprint manufacturers, are responsible for the current shortage of newsprint, President Paul L. Phillips of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, declared in the latest issue of the Paper Maker, monthly newspaper of the AFL union.

Phillips' charge was made in a published letter to President R. A. Olson of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, who had written for assistance from the Paper Makers in obtaining newsprint for Minnesota labor newspapers.

Phillips said that the practices of publishers during depression years forced many paper companies into bankruptcy and frightened away investors who might have put money into new construction. During the "Buy American" period, he said, publishers printed catchwords on Scandinavian newsprint "at a time when the paper mills of the United States and Canada were idle and thousands of men out of work."

PUBLISHERS SCORED

"The sorry conditions of the industry meant nothing to the publishers as long as they could buy paper at their own price," he said.

"Now the chickens have come home to roost and the publishers have successfully used their propaganda technique to direct attention away from their own mistakes and use the manufacturers as the villains in the script."

Today, he said, publishers are using "everybody and everything" to obtain an over-expansion of the industry. He said that publishers, except for some groups in the South, are reluctant to invest their own money in expansion and that he cannot condemn paper manufacturers "for not putting millions of dollars into additional paper machines when not one else is willing to put money into such projects."

ANG SPANKED

He spanked the American Newspaper Guild for criticizing the manufacturers "for not putting millions into equipment and plants." He said that newsprint manufacturers are producing at record rates and are making every effort not to lose a minute of production.

"The manufacturers have done a magnificent job," he said, "not only in production, but in holding their prices to a fair and just level."

He promised labor editors that he would place the question of their newsprint supplies before the manufacturers.

"The only way we can help," he said, "is to add our voice to yours and others in trying to persuade the manufacturers to allocate more newsprint for the labor press, though I am by no means certain we can aid you."

Truman Calls for Drastic Increase In Postal Rates

WASHINGTON (LPA).—President Truman has called for drastic increases in postal rates, mainly affecting newspapers and magazines. A number of labor publications will be faced with serious rate problems if his proposals become law.

The Administration measure, introduced in the House by Representative Tom Murray (D, Tenn.), is designed to raise $163,000,000 in additional postal revenue. The bill would boost the price of postcards to 2 cents. It would double the rate on newspapers and magazines in the next three years and boost charges for most post office special services except money orders.

Murray said immediate increases in certain postal rates are "imperative." He said the House has already received more than 200 bills to raise the pay of postal employes. The National Association of Letter Carriers-AFL pointed out that the bill makes no definite provision for raising postal pay nor does it provide for improving postal service.

An article in the March issue of "Postal Record," official magazine of the union, argues that mail service does not have to be cut, nor rates raised. The piece is written by James J. Doran, former chief inspector of the Post Office Department. Doran pointed to a number of inefficiencies in the present postal setup that are costing the department money.

Of the 20 largest post offices, he said, average operating costs on first-class mail were almost double those for the one with the best record. Costs at the most expensive office were 133 per cent higher than in the one operated most economically. If these inefficiencies were cleared up, he claimed, "a saving of over $45,000,000 a year could be made in the handling of first-class mail alone."

The 39,000 small post offices in the country cannot pay for themselves, but are necessary, Doran said. Congress could never be expected to hike rates enough to wipe out the deficit on them, he said, "and it should not attempt to do so."

Retail Clerks Granted Bargaining Rights for Woolworth Trainees

Retail Clerks Local 1167

SAN BERNARDINO.—A three-man panel of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C., has ruled that trainees for the jobs of store manager and lunch department assistant manager at an F. W. Woolworth Company store in San Bernardino, Calif., fall within the bargaining unit of Retail Clerks Local No. 1167, AFL.

In a unanimous decision, Board Chairman Paul M. Herzog joined members Abe Murdock and Paul G. Styles in denying pleas of the Woolworth company to exclude these management trainees from the unit in an election to be held shortly on petition of the Retail Clerks Union, headed by Secretary Ted Phillips. The disputed classifications "are not, during training, assigned to supervisory positions," according to the NLRB decision.

Union Attorney Robert W. Gilbert of the firm of Gilbert, Nissen and Irvin, said this ruling means the Labor Board finally has seen through the practice of 5 and 10-cent store chains of getting employees to work extra long hours at low pay by designating them as management "trainees" or "learners." Previous decisions had excluded these workers from the bargaining unit at the company's request.

"You catch spies by counter-intelligence, not by loyalty oaths."—FRANCIS BIDDLE, Former Attorney General.

Newspaper Guild Asks Decontrol of News Pay

NEW YORK (LPA).—American Newspaper Guild-CIO has called for an immediate decontrol of newspaper wages, on the ground that newspaper prices are not controlled.

"The Defense Production Act of 1950 specifically exempts the newspaper and publishing industries from price controls," a resolution passed by the ANG executive board pointed out. "This act does not provide that wages in industries exempt from price control must be controlled."

"The price stabilization program is a tragic fraud under which prices have soared to unprecedented peaks and the gougers are protected by law while the nation's workers are placed in the straitjacket of frozen wages," the Guild officers stated.

They called on the Wage Stabilization Board to decontrol wages in the newspaper and publishing industries "as long as these industries are not subject to price controls."

United Labor Policy committee was commended for its "refusal to participate in a betrayal of the principle of equality of sacrifice.

58,905,000 Now Working

WASHINGTON (LPA).—In February 58,905,000 persons were at work, slightly under January but "much the highest ever recorded for this time of year," said the Census Bureau. The unemployed total was 2,407,000, slightly under the January figure.

February farm employment at 5,930,000 was under the 6,223,000 figure for February, 1950. Industrial employment was 52,976,000, or 2,250,000 above February, 1950.

Non-Union Builder Sees the Light in Labor Paper Story

ST. LOUS (LPA).—A story in a labor paper here helped bring around a building contractor who had been non-union for over 20 years. The news article, appeared in the St. Louis Labor Tribune and the Southern Illinois Labor Tribune, with a joint circulation of over 81,000.

It told about non-union construction of a home for the sales representative of General Grocer Company in that area. The grocery firm management has a long record of good relations with labor, and the company president, A. E. Gilster, on reading the story, was quick to point out to his agent that the use of non-union labor was inconsistent.

The result: the agent had words with the building contractor, who finally broke his 20-year record and agreed to employ only union workers on his building projects.

Musicians Want More Pay

NEW YORK (LPA).—American Federation of Musicians, AFL, has turned down a 10 per cent pay raise offer from the major radio and television networks, want 20 per cent. AFM President James C. Petrillo and the networks have agreed on some issues: Musicians on a program that is broadcast at the same time over radio and television will get $10 to $25 extra, and musicians wearing costumes for television shows will get an extra $12 per program.

Canadian Labor Demands Price and Rent Controls

OTTAWA, Canada (LPA).—Four Canadian labor organizations with a total membership of one million have asked the government to reimpose price and rent controls. The organizations are: The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada; Canadian Congress of Labour; Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour, and Railway Transportation Brotherhoods. They have given the following program to the Prime Minister for consideration:

Adequate rent controls to prevent an increase in "the already heavy burden" of hundreds of thousands of families, a price freeze, a public board to pass on price and rent increases, and labor representation on the board.

Labor reiterated its stand against Communism, but said inflation can be just as dangerous. Forces outside Canada should not be an excuse for inflation, but a reason for immediate controls, the brief maintained.

It said there is plenty of control over wages and if there had been as much over prices "it is quite likely price increases would not have been as high as they are."

Labor spokesmen suggested a government-labor-management conference to consider wages, saying that this would preserve the spirit of collective bargaining while bringing the experience of both labor and management into the defense effort.

"While people are hungry they can't be interested in the United Nations." — ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

Robert Graham Appointed Director of Teamos' Western Conference

Western Teamster

Executive Vice-President Dave Beck announced the appointment of Robert L. "Buddy" Graham to be director of the Western Conference of Teamsters. He took over his new duties immediately.

Director Graham has been active in Teamster affairs for five years, but he has been a member of the union for 13 years. He joined Garage Employes, Local 44, about 13 years ago when he was attending the University of Washington, where he studied engineering. He has also been a member of other Teamster locals.

At the outbreak of World War II Graham enlisted and after training was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to the Second Armored Division, a component of the Ninth Army, commanded in France by General Harmon. He served through five major engagements with this division. He was promoted to first lieutenant and won two decorations. After four years in the army, Graham returned to Seattle and his interest in labor and the Teamsters caused him to go to work for the organization.

After more than a year as a business representative for Newspaper and Magazine Local 763, with Secretary-Treasurer Don Roberts, Graham went into field organization work. He was a member of the Teamsters organizing unit which took part in the California Cannery fight which resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Teamsters over the Commie-controlled dual group.

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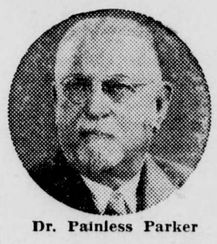




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Before this appears in print, the March 15 income tax deadline will have been reached and President Jack LaLonde, Secretary-Treasurer O. K. Mitchell and Secretary Tom George will be recuperating from the rush they have had in assisting our members with filing their income tax returns. The membership should give these officers a vote of thanks for their fine work on behalf of our members.

Business Representative Bart Bartholomew reports that work has slowed down in the Bay Area shipyards. The Martinolich Company has reopened what was the Hurley's West Yard during World War II and we received our first call from them for laborers last week.

It is reported to us that George Parsons of the Todd Yard is in the Alameda Sanatarium with a recurrence of an old knee injury George is not a member of this union, but is well and favorably known by many of our members. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to work.

Brother Jack Smith and Brother Homer Henry were injured some months ago when a S. P. train hit the car in which they were riding. Now we are happy to report that Brother Henry is able to return to work and Brother Smith has had the cast taken off his arm and is well on the road to complete recovery, which we hope will come soon.

On his way home from the Union Hall last Tuesday Brother Edward Tyler met with a painful but not fatal accident. Brother Tyler was hit by a truck and was rushed to the Permanente Hospital for emergency treatment. He was released Saturday, but with many bandages and some broken bones in his arm. Brother Tyler is convalescing at home. His many friends and brother members hope he will be back around the hall soon.

Brother Edwain Smith is in the Highland Hospital for a thorough checkup. It will be remembered that Brother Smith has been in and out of the Veterans Hospital for the last two years or more. Surely Ed has had more than his share of bad luck and sickness. We hope the doctors will be able to assist him to a complete and speedy recovery, so we can see that old smile come back again. Keep up your spirits, Ed; we are all back of you 100 per cent.

Brother Harry Miller, our jovial sergeant-at-arms, is in St. Luke's Hospital since last Thursday undergoing a complete physical examination to determine just what steps to take to get him completely well again. He has not recovered as yet from the head injury sustained at Bethlehem, San Francisco, some months ago. We hope the doctors will find out what ticks so you will be able to return to work soon. We have no dope on when Harry will be released from the hospital as yet.

We suggest that the members of this local drop a get well card to or to see some or all of the above brothers. We are sure that knowing that they are not forgotten will go a long way to help them to recover quickly.

The next regular meeting of the union will be held Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the Oakland Union Headquarters, 601 Jackson street, Oakland. We urgently request you all to attend as many very important matters will be before you for action at this meeting.

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DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

Ray McMullin, leaving the Rivoli door to concentrate on his studies at U. C. He will not sever his connections completely as he will stay on to work one night a week as relief manager to Earl Keate . . . The Roxie calling for extra help, as they anticipate running continuously for the Valentino picture about the 24th of this month . . . It may be twins for **Elinor Holmes Scarsella**, former Roxie cashier . . . Ray Thome, former manager of the Alameda, attempting to catch on with Fox West Coast again . . . **Marjorie Commean**, new head usherette at the Fox-Oakland, being introduced to her first avocado . . . Modern day picture of Mutt and Jeff: Little **Don Huber** (5 feet 6 inches) and Big **Dick Mead** (6 feet 4 inches) strolling down Broadway . . . Spring is in the air with the first of the Oakland Oaks home exhibition games scheduled for tonight against the Chicago Cubs . . . The final meeting of the month is scheduled for March 24 at 10 a.m. . . . **Dorothy Anderson** and **Mickey Adams**, formerly of the Esquire candy counter, in to withdraw . . . A couple of old-timers inquiring about job opportunities: **Kitty Katsanos** and **Evelyn Race** . . . **Vickie Silvas Schaaf**, night cashier, and **Opal Ham**, keeper of the candy bars at the T & D, preparing to leave town, Vickie headed for Chicago and Opal for the Northwest . . . **"Red" St. Onge**, formerly of the Oakland Telenews and Chimes, announcing his forthcoming marriage . . . **Nadine McAdam** of the Orpheum, suffering from a "strep" throat . . . **Brother Oscar Gehring**, veteran theatrical figure, submitted the following poem which was composed by his late neice. We think it is worthy of some meditation. We could all do well to practice what it preaches. Thank you very much, Oscar.

"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"

By Ardis Gehring

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say,
I know something good about you,
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each hand-clasp was warm and true,
And carried with it this assurance
I know something good about you?

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see,
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking, too;
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you.

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CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Ladies Auxiliary 160 held their regular social meeting in the Social Hall on Friday, March 9. We had a very good attendance and we were all pleased to have Anna Dart with us again.

Aline Haake, our social chairman, was suddenly called to Florida last Monday by the very serious condition of her mother. So her daughter, Fayette, took her place and assisted Jo Wheeler, and we all had a wonderful time playing games and being kids again. We all wish Aline's mother a speedy recovery.

In last week's column we announced a bingo party to be held on March 28. The hostesses have had to change that to March 29, on a Thursday. Dessert will be served at 12:30. Cards are 35 cents each. Mary Nall and Jean Kinney will be co-hostesses, having the party at Mary's home, 1655 81st avenue.

Sewing at Winnie Bernston's, 1211 39th avenue, on Friday, March 16.

Business meeting on Friday, March 23. Be sure and attend the dedication of our new American flag.

Hope all of you who have been under the weather are feeling much better.

ALTA BENONYS,
Press Correspondent.

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PAST PRESIDENTS' CLUB OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY No. 97

The Past Presidents met at the home of Olive Harney on March 9. After the business of the evening was completed, we adjourned to the dining room, where the table was tastefully decorated in the St. Patrick's motif. As always happens when we go to Olive's, we all enjoyed too much good food.

It was nice being with you again, Olive. We've missed you during the past two years, and the evening was a huge success.

EVELYNE GERHOLDT,
Press Correspondent pro tem.

Negro Leaders Request Participation In Gov't

WASHINGTON (LPA) — There should be a greater Negro participation in the defense program, President Truman was told recently by a delegation of Negro leaders. They urged Truman to put qualified Negroes into administrative and policy-making jobs.

A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, told the President the delegation appeared not as Negroes defending Negroes but as American citizens "pleading for our country and concerned chiefly with advancing the cause of Democracy and freedom in the United States and the world."

390 Workers Recover $100,000 in Back Pay Under Wage-Hour Law

U.S. Gov't Release

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Complying with a final judgment entered in the U. S. District Court here, Todd & Brown Inc. of Chicago, contract operators during World War II of the Kingsbury ordnance plant near LaPorte, Ind., paid $100,000 to the court clerk for distribution to 390 former plant guards, safety men, line inspectors and production clerks. The sum was for back wages due under the Fair Labor Standards Act and attorneys' fees.

This is the result of a case started in 1944 when seven employes brought suit against the company under the federal wage-hour law. They sought recovery of unpaid overtime wages and liquidated damages equal to the ampunt of back wages owed, plus attorney's fees and court costs.

The employes charged the firm had erroneously considered them exempt from the overtime pay requirements as bona fide executive or administrative employes. In support of their contention, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, through the Solicitor of Labor, filed a brief as "friend of the court."

In entering judgment against the company, Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert cited a recent U. S. Supreme Court decision which held that employes of a private contractor operating a Government-owned ordnance plant such as that at Kingsbury are within the act's coverage.

Rope Makers Accused Of Price-Fixing Plot

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Whether you buy the rope from a manufacturer in New Bedford, Mass., or Seattle, Wash., the price is the same, according to a complaint issued against 18 firms and the Cordage Institute by the Federal Trade Commission.

That's because of price-fixing agreements under which each "charges and collects a false amount as freight or delivery costs," according to the FTC. Since the 18 firms named make and sell about 80 per cent of all the hard fiber rope and cordage, and about 65 per cent of all hard-fiber twine, they control the price and restrain competition, says the FTC.

Named in the complaint are: Plymouth Cordage Company, Plymouth, Mass.; Cupples Company, Waterbury Rope Sales Corporation, American Manufacturing Company, Brooklyn; Columbian Rope Company, Auburn, N. Y.; Edwin H. Fitler Company, Philadelphia; R. A. Kelly Company, Xenia, Ohio; E. T. Rugg Company, Newark, Ohio; Peoria Cordage Company, Peoria, Ill.; New Bedford Cordage Company, New Bedford, Mass.; Tubbs Cordage Company, San Francisco and Seattle; Wall Rope Works and Whitlock Cordage Company, New York; Cating Rope Works, Maspeth, N. Y.; Thomas Jackson & Son, Reading, Pa. All are members of the Cordage Institute. Not members, but in on the deal, according to the FTC, are Hooven & Allison, Xenia, Ohio, and Rinek Cordage Company, Eaton, Pa.

Bishop Assails AMA, Call It Incompetent

CHICAGO (LPA).—The American Medical Association is misinforming the nation on the Administration's health insurance program, according to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. He is president of the World Council of Churches.

Addressing the American Protestant Hospital Association, he said "The assessment put upon every American doctor to raise a propaganda fund that is being used to misinform a nation is a national disgrace. This issue is not socialized medicine or governmental medicine. Protestants want neither the shackles of the omnipotent state nor the fetters of the incompetent American Medical Association, but they do want good health. They want a way to pay for it."

He urged America's doctors to "work out progressive answers to the problems rather than pay their assessments to a little oligarchy that has fought advance for a generation."

Army (?) Runs Railroads

WASHINGTON (LPA). — The "Army" that is "running the nation's railroads" consists of 46 officers, one sergeant and eight clerks.

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N. J. Labor Chieftain Says County Prosecutors Are Drawing Company Pay

NEWARK, N. J. (LPA).—Carl Holderman, New Jersey state CIO president, has complained to Governor Driscoll because several county prosecutors are also on the payrolls "of corporations involved in labor disputes."

In a bristling letter, Holderman charged County Prosecutors Collester of Passaic; Lloyd and Winne of Bergen, have gone into court as attorneys for companies to institute action against unions involved in strikes.

"Even more startling," wrote Holderman, "is the fact that negotiations between the Continental Paper Company, whose attorney is Mr. Lloyd, and the union became strained and a union representative threatened to strike. Now that union representative has been indicted by a Bergan County grand jury handled by Mr. Lloyd on charges relating to his domestic affairs."

Holderman demanded immediate removal from office of the men and an investigation into the connections of all county prosecutors with firms in their bailiwicks.

Both Lloyd and Winne denied serving as counsel for the paper company. Collester refused to comment beyond saying that he is permitted to serve in civil courts, though barred from private practice in criminal matters.

Auto Workers Open Drive To Extend Rent Control

DETROIT (LPA).—United Auto Workers, CIO, has begun a drive to get a new rent control law passed before March 31, when the present one expires.

Don Montgomery and Paul Sifton, UAW legislative representatives, have written to all local unions to organize the liberal forces in their communities to fight for Congressional action.

"The Administration has hemmed, hawed and stalled for 60 days, juggling a rent control bill from agency to agency instead of sending it to Congress with a strong demand for action," they said.

The letter points out that only 1066 towns and cities have extended rent control until June 30, as permitted under the law. "Unless Congress acts, millions of tenants in Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Kansas City and 1437 areas of more than 1000 population will face rent decontrol and rent increases at a time when a nation-wide housing shortage is being made worse by shifts for defense work."

UAW aims include: rent control for the "duration," power to recontrol decontrolled areas, ceilings for all housing in controlled areas, six months' eviction notice, triple penalties for overcharges, control near military camps, reduction in rent for reduction of services and an adequate housing program which will end the need for rent control.

20 Per Cent Pay Boost Urged For Gov't Workers

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Federal workers should get at least a 20 per cent pay increase, the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee was told March 7. The plea came from Richard E. Shoemaker, speaking for the CIO Government and Civil Employes Organizing Committee.

Shoemaker said the majority of government workers do not get enough to provide even a minimum standard of living, by the yardstick of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He noted that the BLS found that to maintain a "modest" level for a family of four, a worker today must earn $3833 in Atlanta, $3789 in Los Angeles, $3779 in Pittsburgh and $3926 in Washington. He said these rates are slightly above the average salary of federal workers. The entrance rate for federal classified service is $1510, he pointed out, which is less than 73 cents an hour, whereas the Fair Labor Standards Act calls for 75 cents an hour.

He also urged that the Government meet the standards of private industry, provide time and a half for all overtime and Saturday, and double time for Sunday and holiday work. He asked that the present provision for taking compensatory time off at the "option" of the employe be abolished. In practice, he said, the employe, because of pressure from executives, has no "option."

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Federal Aid Bill Seeks Higher Pay Rate for Teachers

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A bill to help raise public school teachers' salaries has been introduced by Senator James Murray (D, Mont.). The bill has been endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers-AFL.

Federal aid to education bills previously before Congress have been of a general nature, Murray explained. This bill is for one purpose only: to improve teachers' pay. He pointed out that he has sponsored some of these general bills "but no comprehensive Federal-Aid-to-Education program has passed Congress; not mine or anyone else's."

He listed five fields in which he considers the need the most pressing: aid for teachers' salaries; aid for school construction; aid to provide funds for scholarships and loans for worthy, needy students; aid to help eradicate adult illiteracy; and to provide essential services for all children in America to protect and promote their health and welfare.

The bill which the Senate passed last year "did not assure a single teacher in the United States one cent increase in his or her pay," Murray said. "It did not assure a single service to any child in the United States."

He voted for the bill, he explained, "because it was the only Federal Aid bill which I had a chance to vote on, and I hoped the House would write more specfic provisions in it.

"I now realize," Murray said, "that while some members may accept a general bill with specific purposes for the use of authorized funds precisely set forth, and many others would take a chance on letting the several states each allocate the funds as may be desired, that more and more members are eager to have a chance to vote on each provision for which Federal aid is needed in a separate bill.

"There is a growing feeling that each provision should be voted up or down on its own merits. I have, therefore, introduced the bill which appears to me to provide aid where it is sorely needed, to raise the salaries of public school teachers. I cannot see how the principle in such a bill can be controversial."

(Some general aid bills have failed to pass, due to controversy over aid to parochial schools for "extras" such as school buses; over Federal standards for school programs, considered an invasion of states rights, and over other issues.)

A number of bills are now pending to help provide loans and scholarships for worthy, needy American students, Murray commented. "I think that even the American Medical Association will not at this time try again to stop legislation to help provide training for more doctors."

High Draft Rejection Rate Shows Need for U.S. Aid to Education

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) finds strong evidence of the need for federal aid to education in a study he made recently of draft rejection rates in the postwar period. Lack of such aid is weakening our military defense, he concludes.

The rejection rate since the Selective Service Act of September, 1948, has been 48 per cent in the 19 through 25 age group, the Senator says. The rejection rate in the 18 through 25 groups during World War II was only 26 per cent.

Actually, the picture isn't quite so bad, the Senator admits. A large number of men previously classified 4-F were "rescreened" and some of them were actually rejected twice. Nevertheless, he says that "there is a distinctly greater percentage of rejections in the postwar period, pointing to the fact that our human resources for national defense are less adequate than they were during the war itself."

The rejection rate has fallen to 37 per cent since Korea, Hill says, but points out that "few, if any, previously rejected" men are included in the figure. "The rate of rejection since Korea, which covers only the 19 through 25 age group, is higher than the rate of rejection" for the 18 through 44 group in World War II. Morevoer, he insists, the higher mental and physical standards now being applied "cannot account for the total increase" in the rate. The 37 per cent post-Korean rate is still well in excess of the World War II rates, he emphasizes.

Here's what the figures show, according to Hill:

Since September, 1948, 906,843 men (equal to more than 50 infantry divisions) have been unfit for service. Of these, local draft boards rejected 313,595 for such reasons as obvious physical defects, obvious mental disability—and complete illiteracy. Another 103,483 were rejected after draft board medical interviews. The Army itself turned down another 481,315 at pre-induction physical and mental examinations — and barred another 8450 for "last-minute" reasons.

Of the 481,315 turned down at pre-induction examinations, 12,032 were for such administrative reasons as criminal records; 198,783 (equal to 11 infantry divisions) were for failure on the mental test; 55,835 (about three divisions) were for a combination of mental and physical reasons. Senator Hill says this adds up to 14 divisions rejected for mental reasons—substantially, educational deficiency.

Declares the Senator: "The loss of 14 infantry divisions for inadequacies, many of which could have been prevented, is too serious to disregard . . . There is no reason to believe that educational adequacy will improve unless some action is taken to improve it. It is time to take that action now. The Senate can and should pass federal aid to education legislation to strengthen the national defense."

NLRB Issues Rules For Jurisdiction In Boycott Cases

WASHINGTON (LPA).—The National Labor Relations Board has spelled out its rule for exercising jurisdiction in secondary boycott cases, rules which will be of vital interest to union members in seafaring trades, meat and produce, building construction, and trucking.

Briefly: NLRB will consider the business of both the primary and secondary employer. If one alone meets the standards established by the board in October, 1950, it will take over—if not, it will consider the business of both and take over if combined business on the disputed project meets the requirements.

It would operate like this—a strike is called against a small electrical contractor working as a subjobber on a huge project. The electrical contractor might hire only three or four men and not engage in interstate commerce, thus being too local and too small for NLRB to handle. Now, however, the case will be considered, not only as it affects the electrical contractor, but as it affects the entire job, which is usually done by a big firm that comes under NLRB jurisdiction.

Skilled European Labor Sought To Aid Defense

FRANKFURT, Germany (LPA) A nine-man team from the U. S. Labor Department is here to skim the cream off the ranks of skilled workers among displaced persons from Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Poland and other Russian satellites.

Spurred by the threat of a shortage of craftsmen in America, the team is rushing qualified men through the DP processing machinery and shipping them to the U. S. Recruiting officers have been established in six German and Austrian cities. Farmers are most in demand because it is felt American farms will be drained of manpower as the defense effort gets up steam.

Wilson May Cost Truman '52 Election, Is Charge Made by Jim Carey

PITTSBURGH (LPA).—Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson "is doing a highly effective job of undermining President Truman's chances of being re-elected next year," CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey charged.

Addressing the annual convention of the District 1 Council, United Rubber Workers-CIO, Carey said: "Wilson has already alienated large sections of organized labor from the Administration, and President Truman himself has acknowledged that he could not have been elected in 1948 had it not been for organized labor's active campaigning on his behalf."

"Even before the united labor movement withdrew its representatives from the various defense agencies, we had charged that big business, headed by Charles E. Wilson, had achieved a seizure of power in our government," he said.

"From the very outset—after he had wrung virtually autocratic powers from President Truman—Wilson sought to convert the defense program into a big business monopoly. Deliberately excluding labor from any policy-making councils, Wilson brought in dozens of the country's most conservative and labor-hating financiers, bankers and industrialists. If I were to read off the list of these men it would sound like a Who's Who of big business."

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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

SIX LABOR GRIEVANCES

Dr. Clark Kerr of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations did a good job of explaining to Alameda County AFL people the problems which beset the Wage Stabilization Board of which he is a member.

Those unionists who attended the meeting Wednesday of last week in the Labor Temple, at which Dr. Kerr spoke and answered questions, got answers to specific queries. They also got a better idea of how complex is the task of mobilizing a democracy for a war that hangs on the horizon like a cloud rather than descending upon us breathing fire and brimstone.

As Dr. Kerr put it, "We've had no Pearl Harbor," and that does make a great difference in the attitude of all of us. It could be argued that we had Korea, and still have it, as many a struggling member of the armed forces over there knows. But Korea hasn't struck the cold steel of terror into our hearts that Pearl Harbor did.

One good feature of Dr. Kerr's talk was his balanced dispassionate telling of the six major grievances which the United Labor Policy Committee has complained about to the Administration. Here, in our own words, are the six which he enumerated, with any bias in the expression of them ours, not his:

1—The Administration hasn't consulted with labor on defense plans as the Roosevelt Administration did.

2—Defense Mobilizer Wilson is not only a big business man, but has surrounded himself chiefly with big business men as advisors.

3—The loopoholes and inequities of the Defense Production Act of 1950, adopted in September of last year, the law under which our defense mobilization, including wage and price controls is carried on.

4—The taking away from Secretary of Labor Tobin the authority over manpower mobilization for defense work, and the placing it in the hands of men close to Wilson.

5—The wage policy.

6—Labor's failure to impress industry representatives and Government officials with the need for having the wage board set up to handle disputes, case by case, as well as to promulgate general wage policies.

This last point, although the least understood by many labor people as well as by the general public, is felt by all those in close touch with the situation to be the most difficult to settle. The other five grievances, although there is still much storm and strife, seem to be moving toward some sort of compromise.

But management doesn't like the idea of having the board and its regional boards working on disputes, case by case. Industries in which wage adjustments have lagged might thus face the horrible necessity of giving their employes a decent wage. But if simply a general formula of a 10 per cent raise is put out, and the matter ends there, the lagging industries could continue to lag, which would, of course, please the NAM.

These, of course, are our own comments, not Dr. Kerr's. And these are only some of the comments stimulated in the minds of many of us by Dr. Kerr's clear and impartial statement of the various problems encountered.

THE KEFAUVER LESSON

Senator Kefauver is rightly being commended for putting the proceedings of his committee in the Bay Area on television. The public needs more opportunities to get a ringside seat at important civic events of this sort.

The public needs to pay more attention, however, to its own part in the racketeering and gangstering that is going on. The Kefauver Committee in its recent interim report told how many billions constitute the annual take of the gambling industry in this country every year.

Who invested those billions in the gambling industry? Not the racketeers, not the gangsters, but the public. Who's the public? Well, it's all of us. It is true that not all of us are so bored, so idle-minded, so little interested in things that are generally worthwhile, genuinely rewarding to the mind and spirit, that we have to put our money into gambling to keep ourselves from dying of inanition. But certainly many millions of us are in that wretched state, or there wouldn't be so many billions in the gambling lords' take.

The painful truth is that so many of us—and this includes very many members and officers of labor unions—are so much addicted to gambling that we can no more expect officers of the law to enforce the law than we could expect a sheriff in a backwoods Southern county to enforce the law against lynchers.

Again and again we believe that this painful situation should be brought up and rubbed in the noses of readers of labor papers for a very good reason. The reason is that unions were organized and are maintained not merely to get more money for working people, but to get them conditions which will enable them to lead decent civilized lives with the increased income they get through unionism.

If a large proportion of labor is included in this vast public which eagerly supports the gambling industry and the racketeering and gangstering which go along with it, then an ironic light indeed is cast on the efforts of those of us who have struggled and suffered for unionism in the belief that it is an instrument for improving our civilization.

Are we so to conduct ourselves that the impression will spread that the more wages we get and the more leisure we get the bigger will be the gambling industry, and the more shameless the operations of racketeers and gangsters?

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

THE WAR VETERAN in labor's ranks will not soon forget that queasy feeling he experienced in going through his first baptism of fire.

A somewhat similar feeling, in a figurative sense, is now the experience of this writer. For one newly arrived in the labor writing field, it comes as a pleasant surprise and a high honor to be able to conduct this column alternately with our highly-esteemed editor.

But aside from the feeling of pleasure and appreciation for the honor, there remains an important obligation. This obligation upon the writer to be entertaining, interesting and informative lies heavy on his head.

Obviously, the writer is attempting to carry out this obligation. It is only hoped that some readers of this column will find a few elements of interest and information herein—maybe a chuckle, too.

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First Impression True In This Case, at Least

First impressions are often false impressions. However, this writer's first impression of a local labor council meeting remains true to the best of his knowledge.

That impression belies allegations made by the daily commercial press implying that management alone is supplied with brains, ability and energy.

Even a short stay at a meeting of the local councils disproves this slur.

The preponderance of council delegates seem, through these eyes and ears, to be not only bright, sincere and earnest—but articulate. To a newspaper reporter this latter trait is of utmost importance, for how could he possibly inform his readers of what their delegates are saying if they can't express their thoughts?

It is a pleasure to report that AFL unions in the Bay Area are well represented at these councils and should be congratulated for choosing such able men.

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Rugged Individualists Get the Facts of Life

You've met this guy before. You know his type—the rugged individualist. The sort of man who has a childlike faith in the infallibility of the Horatio Alger tradition; who believes that ambition, thrift and abstention from liquor and tobacco will carry him right to the head of the company.

It will even be conceded that this tradition has worked in America in a few, a very few, cases. The surest road to the top, however, has usually been accomplished by marrying the boss' homely daughter.

Ordinarily, the rugged individualist, who despises unions, not only doesn't achieve his ambition of reaching the head of the company, but may even find himself sometimes shunted, against his will and training, into doing work in the head. "Head" being a vernacular term for an important naval office.

To prevent the degradation of the skilled craftsman is one of the purposes of union organization. If this cold fact is unable to change the attitude of the anti-union workman, perhaps we ought to use another tack in bringing a most pertinent fact to his attention.

It is with this thought in mind that this writer would like to reproduce an article taken from the Washington Teamster's newspaper. The fact that it is humorous does not detract from its obvious truthfulness:

"A talkative busybody was visiting a state institution for the insane. 'How do you manage to keep your patients so well behaved?' she asked one of the orderlies.

"'We control them pretty well,' replied the husky.

"'Suppose one of these people gets out of control, then what do you do?'

"'Madame,' he said, 'I can take care of any trouble-maker in this institution.'

"'Yes, yes,' continued the lady, 'but suppose two or three of the lunatics start a rumpus at the same time, what do you do?'

"'Lady,' he growled, 'I can handle a dozen of these folks any time.' He looked as if he could.

"'But suppose the whole crowd organized and began an attack, what would you do then?'

"'Lady, one more question and we will hold you for observation. If you had any sense you would know that nuts don't organize!'"—PL.

JEST OR TRUTH?

One day an Eastern university professor visited the expanding campus of the University of California at Los Angeles. He watched construction work on half a dozen new buildings; he inspected new laboratories and attended summer classes in modern study rooms; he walked across miles of eucalyptus-lined lawns and athletic fields with one of the deans. He was impressed.

"My," he said, "just how many students do you have here?"

"Let me see," the dean answered thoughtfully. "I'd say about one in a hundred."

Farmers Herald C. S. Monitor, Get the Credit

East Bay Labor Journal makes it a regular practice to publish the source of any article reprinted from other publications.

By accident, two such credit lines were dropped out of reprinted articles on the editorial page of last week's issue of March 9.

The excellent editorial headed "About Liberty" was reprinted from the Farmers Union Herald.

The article entitled "Organized Labor Attacks Premature Retirement Issue" was reprinted from the Christian Science Monitor.

"Halt!"



POOL OF JOBLESS

Charles S. Geoghegan, formerly of Oakland but now in Arkansas, calls East Labor Journal's attention to an article in the Catholic Worker by Miss Mary Irene Naughton. The article in the portion reprinted below gives an interesting account of methods used in Oakland years ago by hard-boiled employers:

This morning at the Catholic Worker, one of the men who had been staying with us for a few days left for a painting job in the mountains. He had been helping in the kitchen, a big man, but quick on his feet, genial and quick to serve and clear the table as our 50 or 60 came in for their dinner. An old Polish women who lives on the lower East Side and has her dinner with us, called him Mr. Pop, and he looked like someone you would call Pop.

As he came into the office this morning with his battered suitcase to say goodbye to us, I was struck by the hope and eagerness in his eyes. He had a job. How the dignity of man is connected with work! (So much so that only advanced sanctity can rejoice in the feeling of being useless, of not being needed.) There was a manliness in his bearing and I thought to myself, "Beginning again."

"LABOR POOL"

He was one of the vast labor pool out of which employers take what they need for odd jobs or seasonal help, usually for a mere pittance. He is to get $80 a month and board. If he has a family, by the dint of extreme personal frugality, he will be able to send $75 a month home to them. It would be very hard for one person to live in New York City on that. Our industry is not built for families.

I remember losing my first job. I had worked there a year. Then an efficiency expert came in, interviewing us one by one, and in due time we began to be weeded out. One went, the latest employed, and at last my turn came. I came down the staircase from the 34th floor to the 32nd, avoiding the usual elevator, and stopped to cry on the stairs, when to my shame the bookkeeper came up and found me red-eyed.

SHE FELT ENVY

Oh, the thought of going home to the other two at home, in the midst of the depression, the fear, the humiliation, the thought of the inexorable rent, that we just made when my brother and I were both working.

I remember with what dignity I used to ask the butcher for six lamb kidneys, costing 15 cents, after Mrs. ——, whose husband, a policeman, was "lucky enough to have a civil service job," had just bought a ham and a chicken. The butcher looked angry at me then, but he was a kind man, and it was probably embarrassment.

These were the civil service people, the vast army of the secure, the ham and chicken people, and we were the shiftless or the stupid, the people who didn't somehow make the grade, rapidly slipping into the People of the Abyss, as Jack London called them in his great study of the economic degredation of the poor.

We sometimes laugh now, looking back, but life stretched ahead like a dark tunnel reaching into shame then, with the terrible fear and pride that the poor and the worker have of not making their way. And how much worse was it for men with families.

OAKLAND STORY

At the turn of the century Jack London, the future writer, turned in desperation from the jute mills and the canneries to plead for a job with the power plant of the Oakland Street Railway. The superintendent, seeing his willingness and his strength, had fired two men to hire him, and thus saved $50 a month. He became a coal passer, "13 hours a day, 29 days a month." Even his "physique of twisted steel" began to break under it. Still, Jack held on until the fireman showed him a newspaper clipping. "One of the coal passers whose job Jack had unwittingly taken had killed himself because, jobless, he could not bear watching his wife and children starve. Jack quit."

SURPLUS LABOR ARMY

Yes, he learned of the class struggle in the bitter school of his own experience. Later he was to write, putting his finger on that Labor Pool, which today is still the crux of the economic problem, "That which maintains the integrity of the present industrial society more potently than the courts, police and military is the surplus labor army." "The army of surplus labor is needed when production increases and the ordinary workers cannot handle the work; it is needed to work on emergency projects and to meet the demands of seasonal employment, and finally, but most important, it is needed to act as a check on all employed labor."

Many, he wrote, refusing to be broken in body and soul for a starvation wage, took to the road, becoming tramps. He called the tramp the scapegoat of our economic sinning. Peter Maurin, in like vein, always spoke of the men on the Bowery as victims of our system."

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WOMEN
in This World
By EDITH McCONN

Polly Edison, nationally known labor writer, has another interesting column which we feel will interest our readers. We have taken the liberty to edit the article because of space limitation.

HOUSING FACTS

Housing figures based on the 1950 census show there's been a big increase in home owners. For the first time since 1890, when the housing census began, "owners" outstrip "renters." Seventy-one per cent more families own homes than did in 1940.

We have more houses, too, 23 per cent more than in 1940, although the population rose only 14.5 per cent. The many marriages account for this difference in ratio. Figures also show that households are smaller. In 1940, the average family numbered 3.2 persons as against 3.0 in 1950. And three-fifths of us now live in single detached houses.

The trend away from the farm continues. There are a million less farm houses than in 1940. And many more trailers—over 100,000 more than there were 10 years ago.

RENTS AND VALUES

Our rents—as we all know—went up. From an average of $21 a month in 1940 to $37 in 1950—an increase of 67 per cent.

So did values. The average city house is now worth $8400—the rural home $5000. One-fourth of the non-farm home owners estimate their houses under $5000; half figure theirs at $7400, 30 per cent at $10,000 or more.

All in all, we've made some gains. Not only have we more homes than ever before, but more homes with plumbing facilities. But there are still some 5,000,000 houses without indoor toilets—the same number as in 1940. Although overcrowding declined, the census shows over 2,000,000 houses to be in poor state of repair.

There's still plenty to be done, according to Housing Administrator Foley. "Despite the high rate of building," he says, "we are going into this emergency with a vacancy rate of only 1.7 per cent." This low vacancy rate means we can't count on a housing reserve for defense workers. And growing families still have no place to move into because houses of more than five rooms are few and far between. Adequate housing for all of us, he feels, is still quite a ways off.

TEN YEARS OFF

Its just 10 years since most of us bought the first series of defense bonds. How far away the "maturity" date seemed then.

What should we do with these bonds? We can cash them, of course, but with the present need for saving, this wouldn't be wise. With industry converting to defense production, there'll be $15,000,000,000 worth less goods and services for sale in 1951. So the less cash we have the better.

The best course would be to keep them for another 10 years (your interest rate graduates upward) or exchange them for a current income savings bond of Series G.

FOOD FIGURES

According to the latest reports from the Department of Agriculture, next year the average person may even eat a little more of some foods than he did last year. Total food supplies for civilians are likely to be somewhat larger than in 1950. Meat, fish, milk, cream, fresh fruit, frozen and fresh vegetables will be plentiful. There may be somewhat less butter, shortening, canned and dried fruits.

There'll be an increase in live stock production, chiefly of pork, and crops will be larger—the weather permitting. Though more food will be going to the armed forces, larger production and smaller exports will make up for what the military needs.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Last year a record number of boys and girls ate a well balanced lunch at school. Over a billion and a quarter meals were served under the National School Lunch program. This should be good news for those mothers going into defense plants. Incidentally (statistics again)—working mothers constitute a fifth of all mothers of children under 18.

Speaking of balanced meals, there's an excellent pamphlet you can get for free called "Nutrition Up-to-date, Up to You." Write to Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. It might be helpful—it tells how to plan meals that include the three vitamin B's, A, and C, plus the necessary protein, fuel, calcium and iron.

LABOR PRESS CITED AS VALUABLE TOOL

Chicago Federation News

The labor press performs a valuable service by reporting the activities of organized workers in community affairs, the last Illinois State Federation of Labor convention said. After citing services of the labor papers in political campaigns and otherwise, a convention declaration said that the labor press serves also in this way:

"It points out that trade unionists are not only union members, but are active in all community enterprises. The daily press rarely publicizes these activities of the labor movement. It is our job, therefore, to show just how organized labor and its leaders take a leading part in community chest work, aid in various charitable and health campaigns and crusade for better government at all levels.

"Many labor papers today are at least the equal of dailies in appearance and in making their material interesting. There is still much room for improvement, and that progress will come when leaders of local unions bring up the circulation of these papers, take more interest in what is published and provide them with news and ideas for articles."

CONGRESS CONTROVERSY

Representative John J. Allen Jr. writes weekly Letter to Constituents, and the Editor of East Bay Journal comments thereon. Paragraphs in Mr. Allen's letter commented on are printed in boldfact.

Washington, D. C., March 5, 1951.

Dear Constituent:

The legislative mill was grinding slowly, but its speed may be increasing. As a matter of statistics, 4548 measures have been introduced for consideration by the 32nd Congress. Two have become public laws. During January and February the House was in session 30 days.

There have been 12 roll calls, seven of which were votes. Two years ago in the 81st Congress the House had been in session 27 days, 12 measures had become public law and there had been 21 roll calls.

Another interesting statistic is quoted from Mr. Taber's remarks in the Congressional Record: "According to this budget... submitted to us, if appropriations are made... there will be available to spend beginning the first of July and through the fiscal year 1952... a grand total available of something like $148,000,000,000"—$53,500,000,000 left over from 1951 and $94,500,000,000 of current appropriations.

The Senate passed the Naval Construction Bill and sent it to the President. Work on about 173 new and 291 existing vessels is involved. When the award of 25 or 30 of the Maritime Administration ships for construction on the East Coast was made, the chances that a larger portion of the work on Navy ships would be done on the Pacific Coast was very much improved.

Meanwhile, the House Armed Services Committee held further hearings on its revised draft bill. The Public Works Committee continued to hold hearings concerning the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The Foreign Affairs Committee reported out a bill to grant food grains to India. On this latter bill there may be some argument. India offered to pay but our State Department decided they shouldn't. Some of the members agree with India. She could give us manganese or other strategic materials.

The Banking and Currency Committee has reported a bill to provide defense housing. The vote was 15 to 8. I am curious to see if any of the old public housing has suddenly become defense housing.

The President sent a message to Congress urging legislation to reduce the postal deficit from about one-half billion to $160,000,000 by increasing the rates on penny postcards. It costs 2.8 cents to handle one. He recommends 2 cents. That would bring in an additional $47,000,000. That is a lot of postcards. He also recommends increases on newspapers, magazines, circulars, advertising matter, etc.

The proposal of the 80th Congress to limit any President to two terms became the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution. It was an unwritten law that no man should be President for more than two terms. President Roosevelt, by being elected for a third term, set aside the unwritten law. The proposed Constitutional amendment put the decision up to the states as to whether the unwritten law should be made permanent and written. Thirty-six agreed and what was once an unwritten law, obeyed voluntarily, now becomes a written law which is mandatory.

Visitors on business or pleasure were W. R. Chamberlin, of the Steamship Company; S. D. Litchfield of Union Diesel; J. S. Moulton of P. G. & E.; Caroline McEnery of Berkeley, Betty Caldecott, who is transferred to Valley Forge; Mrs. Tom Caldecott Sr., who drove with her across the continent, and John Hippen of Oakland, now teaching at American University here.

All of which sounds as though we were busy. However, when you look at the Record, the only vote in the House during the week was to pass H. R. 2262, authorizing attendance of the U. S. Marine Band at the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British, to be held in South Boston on March 17, 1951. 'Twill be a great day for the Irish.

Regards,
JOHN J. ALLEN JR.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Why Congress Is Stymied

Mr. Allen compares the record of the recent Congress with that of the 81st. The 81st, our readers scarcely need to be reminded, is the one dominated by the Republicans which passed the notorious anti-labor Taft-Hartley Law, for which Mr. Allen voted.

The 81st Congress was dominated by one party, the Republican. The present Congress is stymied by the combination of Dixiecrats with the reactionary Republican group to which Mr. Allen belongs. Since no one party is in full control, it is difficult to get legislation through.

Matter of fact, ever since the November 7 election that is what the Republicans have been counting on. They figured they wouldn't have full control, so they wouldn't be held responsible for the dilatoriness and obfuscation they and the Dixiecrats combine to produce. You can see by the tone of Mr. Allen's comment that he's enjoying the situation very much.

It is, of course, a lot of fun for big boys to hold up the show at a crucial time when America is in danger from an implacable foe. So you can't blame 'em for gloating over their great performance! It's heroic, it's shooting spitballs at teacher.

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Help or Hold Up India?

We don't know whether Mr. Allen sympathizes with those members of the House who feel that India should be compelled to cough up some strategic materials for us in return for the foodstuffs we supply those starving in that famine-stricken country.

But if Mr. Allen does believe in taking advantage of starvation to extort some materials, we feel that he is on the wrong track.

If there ever was a time when America, as part of the Western Bloc, needs to show the Far East that we'll help the Orient, with no strings attached, it's now.

The State Department knows that if we made India come through before we'd help her starving people, the Commies all over the world would never let us nor the people of India hear the end of that one.

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Power Lost by the People

As for the 22nd Amendment over the passing of which Mr. Allen gloats, it was formerly left to the PEOPLE of the United States to decide whether they wished a man to serve a third term as President of the United States or not.

It has now been decided by the CONGRESS and by the LEGISLATURES of 36 states that the PEOPLE have no say in this matter any more.

Don't forget. The President is the only public official whom all the people of the United States have a chance to vote on. Now the CONGRESS and the LEGISLATURES have more say, and the people less. Don't forget another thing: ever since the Civil War the big corporations hide behind the states and behind blocs in Congress, and use them as citadels against the people, just as the slaveholders did before that war.

'TOUCH NOT A SINGLE BOUGH,' SAYS BUDGET-MINDED BYRD

Fresno Labor Citizen

There's only one reason Senator Harry Byrd (D., Va.) wants to cut the Federal budget. That's because Byrd then could kill the New and Fair Deal laws, which help you so much and which he hates so much.

Byrd, you know, is a big man among the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) crowd as a result of his harping on the budget. This year Byrd is trying to peddle a $9,100,000,000 cut in the Federal budget. Of that, $3,500,000,000 would be lopped off military and economic help for our friends abroad, and $4,900,000,000 from strictly non-defense funds.

Where would Byrd make those non-defense cuts? He'd cut almost $1,000,000,000 from public assistance funds. That means Byrd would take away the few dollars a week the Government gives to old men and women who are poor.

Byrd would cut out almost all Federal aid to education programs. That "saving" would amount to around $300,000,000. Far be it from Byrd to worry about schools.

When it comes to the Agriculture Department, Byrd's economy proposals are the most interesting. He would eliminate the farm price support program and practically end rural electrification loans.

But, curiously enough, Byrd would leave the $83,000,000 school lunch program alone. That plan has two purposes: 1—To make sure school kids get decent food. 2—To help the Agriculture Department get rid of perishable foods like potatoes, eggs, butter and apples which it buys from time to time to help farmers make an adequate living.

Why is Byrd so interested in the school lunch program? Answer: Apples. Byrd is one of the biggest apple growers in the U.S. Government purchases of apples for the school lunch program keep apple prices up. Any other questions?

When it comes to cutting the budget, Byrd makes certain he hits you and your neighbor below the belt while taking care of his apple orchards.

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